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INTRODUCTION.

ALL translations made by large bodies of men, and where the work in its details is done by committees and then voted on by the body at large, are necessarily compromises. They are such, because many men of many minds, nominally religious, compose these committees. Some are half skeptics, some Unitarian, Universalist, and scholarly critics of every description. The received version of the Scriptures is, in its doctrinal parts, no exception to this rule, nor is the revision.

The mystical interpretation which has come down to us, and is so largely accepted, makes void the word of God to a certain degree, especially in the reading of the prophets. They all, except Jonah, write of the second coming of Jesus Christ and of events to take place just precedent to, and at, the time of His personal appearing; and the translators, failing to catch the idea, or unwilling to believe it, substitute for the person the thing, the neuter for the masculine. Very often, the plural is put for the singular, and prophecies that are yet future are regarded as already fulfilled. *Vide*, for an instance, the first paragraph, of seven verses, in the forty-first chapter of Isaiah, where there are fifteen futures, changed into pasts or presents. The translators did this because *they* thought that the prophecy was fulfilled by Cyrus; but there is no reference to Cyrus or his times. It is to the Anti-Christ, or false Messiah, and his times, which precede the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Messiah, by seven years. Jehovah is the speaker.

The spiritualistic mode of interpretation which prevails among all the evangelical denominations, comes to us from the dark ages. The churches of the Reformation ought to have disowned it, but they did not, neither did they affirm it. The great minds of the churches, in those days, had their all-absorbing specialties, in settling and defending the fundamental articles of their faith, order of church government, etc.

Meanwhile, gradually, the old "dark-age" view of the prophetic portions of scripture acquired strength and retained its hold. The consequence has been disastrous to the truth. It is a notorious fact that the ministers do not understand the prophets, and *why* Is it they regard them as a *terra incognita?* I am persuaded it is because of this spiritualistic system of interpretation. It makes a dead letter of one half of the Bible. It is a huge tare "the Father of lies" has sown. It makes the Gentile Church, the kingdom, and Christians sing: "I love thy kingdom, Lord, the *church*," etc., and so the error lives and is passed along. The clergy will never understand the prophets until they accept the doctrine of the second personal premillennial coming of Jesus Christ, and read the prophets, as literally as they do Milton or Shakespeare.

For these, with other reasons, the author has made this translation for the benefit of his children; and he has now given it to the public, in the hope that some reader may get a benefit from its perusal. He took up the work when time might, otherwise, have hung upon his hands. At long intervals he has leisurely made his translation, in short studies. He has followed the Masoretic punctuation, and the translation is given as originally written, without any attempt at revision. He united with the Bleecker Street Presbyterian church in New York City, in March, 1831, and horrible to relate, never heard a sermon or lecture on the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, or any reference to the subject, for fifteen years thereafter! Then, forming the acquaintance of an Episcopal clergyman who had left the church in England, because of her Puseyism and Oxford Tractism, he heard from him the premillennial doctrine of the Lord's return. Opposing it, at the outset, with all his might, he was yet subdued by the Scripture proofs presented. In studying the question exhaustively, as he did, it became necessary to acquire a knowledge of the Hebrew and its cognates. Since 1846 the Hebrew has been his hobby, and he loves it, because it is so simple and sublime, and because it is, as the Jews call it, "the holy tongue."

Surprised to find not only the Presbyterian, but all the evangelical churches, so hostile to the truth of the Lord's return, his suspicion was aroused as to whether they had the proper mode of interpreting prophetic Scripture. He read

Mosheim's Church History to learn what changes of creed and interpretation took place in the history of the church, century by century, with the reasons therefor As a result, he totally repudiates the prevalent traditional "Whitbyan" view, which is "Origenism" renewed, reads the word of God, and interprets it, by those *common-sense* principles of interpretation by which our courts of justice are guided in interpreting documents which come before them. God speaks to men in the language of men, and means to be, and can be, understood, if the grammatical meaning is accepted. The two comings of the Lord Jesus, the first time to "suffer," and the second time to "reign," are equally literal, and are clearly taught in the Bible, the latter by seven hundred or eight hundred texts which are allegorically, mystically, and spiritually, so called, interpreted into meaning almost nothing, if not absolutely abolishing the coming kingdom of the Lord Jesus. But this subject is too large for me to comment on in this preface.

Let it suffice to say that our theologians, with few exceptions, do not discriminate between prophetic and non-prophetic time, nor do they interpret the figures and symbols of Scripture by their respective laws, nor study prophecy as "a light shining in a dark place." Of unfulfilled prophetic time there remains but one week, or seven years, of Daniel's seventy weeks, to close this economy and usher in the glorious epiphany of our "Great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ." Is not the neglect to preach this truth a reason why the churches are so world conformed ? and is it not an adequate cause why such questions have been current, as, "Is Christianity a failure ?" and, "Has the pulpit lost its power over the people ?" I think it is the very cause, and that man's great enemy has planted, by stealth, this device in interpretation upon the church with a view to its ruin.

The unfulfilled prophecies predict what is to happen "in that day," meaning the time of the seven years, and the second coming of Jesus. They picture the advent and doings of him who will become the "Anti-Christ." These prophecies are generally regarded by commentators as fulfilled some two thousand years or more ago, and thus they are swept aside as so much rubbish, or by some they are regarded as simply a *terra incognita.* The German scholars for the last hundred years have led the world of thought in the exposition of Scripture, but as they generally

deny inspiration, and miracle, and the possibility of prophecy, their views are harmful in the highest degree; and as they are, in a worldly sense, scholarly, and are largely in the majority, the minority submit and are misled by their depraved, infidel scholarship.

By those of this school there is a general denial that a King is coming to take the sovereignty of earth; but it is foretold that Jesus is to be this coming King, this "King of glory." He will retake Adam's forfeited dominion over earth. The government shall then be on His shoulder: and his name shall be called "Miracle, Counselor, God, *Mighty Man* [note this change of translation], the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." And then, "Behold a King shall reign in righteousness," and men's eyes "shall be permitted to see *the King*, in His beauty." Jeremiah tells us in chapter 23 : 5 that "a King shall reign and prosper and shall execute judgment and justice *in the earth;*" and His name shall be called "Jehovah, our righteousness." Dan. 7:13, 14, says: "Behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before him. There was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him : His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." No exegesis can properly deprive these texts of their literal import.

To err is human. All scholars are fallible. The greatest and best men make great mistakes. Dr. Hodge, of Princeton, N. J., is a case of the kind. He was one of the great men of the nineteenth century, and yet he taught ("Systematic Theology," Vol. 2, pp. 597, 599) that "the Kingdom of God *has* existed, in our world, ever since the fall of Adam." A more *ridiculous* proposition was never uttered, it seems to me, by any strong-minded and godly man, and yet how many preachers followed him in teaching this dreadful error! Dr. Hodge further wrote: "As the Kingdom of God on earth *was* set up immediately after the fall, yet, as the Messiah was to come to make all things *new* and to take into His hands, as the Theanthropos, the administration of this Kingdom, the Old Testament predicted and the New Testament announces the establishment of a *new Kingdom*, as consequent *on His advent*." What a *hodgepodge* he makes of it

through his 'Whitbyanism." A kingdom concurrent with, and antagonistic to, Satan's for four thousand years, and then a *new* kingdom, that is, there were to be two kingdoms after His first advent, besides Satan's. No; Satan is now the permitted god of this world, and there is, for the present, no other kingdom here. Satan must be dethroned ere Christ *can* reign, and he will be deposed when Jesus returns. He got his hold on this world and race when he tempted our first parents, and he holds it yet. He is the "World Deceiver." Rev. 12:9.

That the personal coming of the King and the setting up of His kingdom is yet *future*, is clearly proved by the tenses in the New Testament relating thereto, which are not properly rendered in either the King James' or revised translations. The Greek grammarians are all agreed, and their views are well expressed by Dr. Curtius in section 598 of his Greek grammar, as follows, namely: "Many verbs whose present stem expresses a state denote in all the aorist forms *the entrance* into the state." He gives eight instances, and among them "Basileuein, to be king, Basileusai, to *become* king." Applying this rule, let me refer to three texts in the book of the Revelation; to wit, Rev. 11:17; 19:6; and 20:4. Rev. 11:17 reads: "We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art and wast because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast *begun to reign*," not "reigned." This will be on His personal return, His second coming! Rev. 19:6: "I heard, as it were, the voices of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of many thunderings, saying Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent *has begun to reign*." This will be the time of His *entrance* on the kingdom! In Rev. 20:4 the three classes specified "lived and *began to reign* with Christ a thousand years."

The Hebrew verb *Malach*, to reign, is like the Greek verb in its past tense. It is twenty-five times rendered "began to reign," the context deciding, in all cases, whether the beginning or end of the reign is referred to. As instances where the word occurs with its two meanings, in the same verses, see 2 Chron. 25:1, which reads: "Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he *began to reign* and he *reigned* twenty-nine years." Again in 2 Chron. 29:1: "Hezekiah *began* to reign when he was twenty-five years old and he *reigned* twenty-nine years in Jerusalem."

In the old Testament, the *beginning* of that kingdom of God, which is yet to come, is indicated by a change of translation, which should be made in eight different texts. They are: Isa. 24 : 23 and 52 : 7; Ps. 93 : 1; 47 : 8; 96 : 10; 97 : 1; 98 : 9; and 99 : 1.

The twenty-fourth chapter of Isaiah gives an account of a judgment on the whole world, ending in the *beginning* of the reign of Jehovah of Hosts. The last verse reads: "Then the moon shall be confounded and the sun ashamed." Why? — "Because Jehovah of Hosts has *begun* to reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His Ancients gloriously."

The fifty-second chapter is in line with the twenty-fourth chapter. The time of fulfilment, in both, is that of the second coming. *Then*, it shall be said, (verse 7): "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, *thy God has become King.*" The forty-seventh Psalm and eighth verse should read: "God has *become* King," instead of "God reigneth." All people are to clap hands, because He has then come back.

Ps 93 : 1 should read: "Jehovah *has become* King;" and the first verses of Psalms 97 and 99 should be changed from "reigneth" to "has *become* King."

The time in all these cases is that of the *second coming* of Jesus Messiah.

In Ps. 96 : 10 we should read: Say among the heathen that "Jehovah has become King." As a consequence, *the heavens* are invited to rejoice and *the earth* to be glad; the *sea* is to roar, and its fulness. The *field* is to be joyful and the trees of the Wood to rejoice, before the Jehovah Man; for *He has come* [not cometh] for He has come to judge the Earth."

At Psalm 98 the people will sing a *new* song; and this expression, "New Song," the Rabbins, say, always indicates the days of the Messiah. I would change "cometh" in the ninth verse to "has come."

These eleven texts point unquestionably, as with an index finger, to *the coming of a King* and the setting up of *His* Kingdom *at that time*, in the most glad and happy manner; and thenceforth, "He will reign in righteousness," yea, "righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins and faithfulness the girdle of His reins." He will rule with absolute perfection of rectitude and

holiness. If the Scriptures are competent to determine for us *when* the kingdom shall come, then these eleven texts are sufficient: and they, supported by their contexts, have already, infallibly and definitely, settled the question. All argument is at an end, for all the opposing theories of the past and present are overthrown, and are entirely erroneous and unscriptural, yea, anti-scriptural.

NOTE ON JONAH.

I PUT the book of Jonah off to be the last of the "MINOR PROPHETS" I should translate; and in so doing, I have deviated from my custom, in rendering the plural noun *Elohim*, "the triune God." This is, I think, its true import; and, as a Hebrew student, I have believed it to be such for nearly fifty years. When I look over the history of the past, the reason why this traditional rendering of *Elohim*, with a singular meaning, should have been entailed upon us, and have come down to us, almost unquestioned, for 1800 years past, is plain.

After apostolic days, in the second century, the church was busy in studying the Word of God, which was then the Old Testament. It needed instruction and translation; and since, in those days, there were few Hebrew scholars, and these were *Unitarian* Rabbis, it became necessary to go to them to learn the meaning of this divine name, "Elohim." Their teaching was accepted and traditionally transmitted. In opposition to the polytheism of all other peoples, the Jews alone thought there was but *one* God. In this they were right, but they failed to see that, in the Godhead, there were three eternal personal relations. In the New Testament these are first indicated in Matt. 28 : 19 by the terms "Father," "Son," and "Holy Spirit." These are confirmed by 1 John 5 : 7: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one."

In the Old Testament, this idea of *Trinity in Unity*, is plainly revealed to us. Without a revelation we could know nothing of God's plan touching the future; but he has revealed the plan of redemption fully; and in doing this much, He has, *necessarily*, disclosed to us His own mode of existence, in its execution, in detail. This He has taught us clearly and repeatedly in the Old Testament as in the New; and this we should naturally expect, for every time this word "Elohim" occurs

(about two thousand five hundred), it is practically, a reminder of that disclosure which was made in Deut. 6 : 4. Then, the people were admonished to "hear," *i. e.*, to give fixed attention to what was to follow, and it was said : "Jehovah, our Elohim, [*i. e.* plural or triune God] is each one, Jehovah." This is that "great and dreadful name," which the Jews dare not utter, and which was pronounced only once a year, and by the high priest alone, on the great day of atonement. We believe this supernatural revelation, not because we understand it, but because God has thus revealed Himself. The threefold repetition of this great name, Jehovah, in Num. 6 : 24-26 is further and *strong* proof to our mind ; and the threefold ascription of holiness, Isa. 6 : 3, is confirmatory.

It seems shocking and demoralizing to one's faith, for a Christian to say, like the infidels, that the doctrine of the Trinity cannot be found in the Old Testament, as in the New. Some go further, and claim that it cannot be proven from *any text* of scripture. I beg leave to disagree with all who hold such opinions; and yet the late Dr. Charles Hodge, of Princeton, N. J., in his "Systematic Theology," Vol. 1, page 446, writes : "No such doctrine as that of the Trinity can be adequately proved by any citation of Scripture passages. Its constituent elements are brought into view, some in one place and some in another" ; and thus he thinks the 'doctrine can be most satisfactorily established." And yet Hermann Warzawiak, a converted Jew and superintendent of the "American Mission" to the Jews, 73 Bible House, N. Y., says, in "The Jewish Christian," Vol. 1, No. 9, of September, 1895, when writing of the Trinity : "There is no other doctrine, in the Christian religion, *so clearly and forcibly presented in the Old Testament Scriptures* as that of a Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." How far apart are he and Dr. Hodge ? and which is right ?

If my translation of Deut. 6 : 4 is allowed, then the reader will admit that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons. Deity is ascribed to the three, not only by the distinct revelation, but because of their peculiar names, titles, works, etc. Sacred Scripture speaks of these three persons as distinct from each other, and yet they are one. One of the original and eternal three took unto Himself, personally, that "holy thing" that was born of the virgin, and thus that "holy thing," became

very God as well as very man; and thus He was, and is, and will ever remain, the God Man. His union with one of the eternal three seemed to unify Him with the other two; for we read in Col. 2: 9, "in Him dwelleth *all* the fulness of the Godhead, bodily": not one third only, but the entire *fulness*. The word "Godhead," "*theiótees*" (Rom. 1: 20) is used abstractly, and "*theótees*" (Col. 2: 9) is used personally, and they signify the divine nature. Each word denotes that infinite, eternal, and unchangeable nature or essence which is not peculiar to the Father, or the Son, or the Holy Spirit, but is common to all the three.

Besides, the *essential* union between the three persons is so perfect that, although the begetting of the human was by the third person, the first person says of Him: "This is *my* beloved Son," and in Jesus' prayer to His Father (John 17: 21) he says: "that they [believers] may be one, even as we [three] are one." Here, He speaks of Himself as in the Trinity itself, which He is, by virtue of His union with the second person. Is it not remarkable, that He, *the Man*, said to God His Father "I will" (John 17: 24); and that the Holy Spirit condescends to be "sent" by Him. John 15: 26.

As the human nature of the virgin's child was "begotten" by the Holy Spirit, it will show the God nature in a time to come. It differs from all other natures of which we know any thing. The two natures after the union, still remain distinct, and the union is indissoluble. Hence some things are peculiar to His human nature and some to His God nature. What a glorious man He is!

God is one in three persons; and is underived, self-existent, and independent, without beginning and without end. Glory be to His great name Jehovah, or more correctly, Yahveh.

The traditional pernicious and dangerous *Unitarian* teaching, as to the meaning of "Elohim," has led many orthodox men to question its correctness. Thus, for example, Dr. Elias Riggs, in his note on Gen. 1: 1, in his Chaldee grammar, on the use of "*two* yodhs," as an abbreviation of "Jehovah by the Jews," states: "Others affirm that its original form, which indeed appears in some editions, was *three* yodhs to *express Trinity;* and that later Jews, *rejecting the doctrine of the Trinity*, preferred the other form with two yodhs." And again: On the history

of the Fall, from the Targum of Onkelos, he adds in Gen. 3 : 1, "The Paris and Antwerp polyglots read with *three* yodhs. The title page of Munster's Bibl. Heb. Basil. 1546, exhibits the form of *three* yodhs." I have, in my library, a polyglot of six languages, printed in 1599, in the Chaldee of which the name "Elohim" has substituted for it the name "Jehovah," written with *three* yodhs. When the two words "Jehovah" and "Elohim" come together, as in Gen. 2 : 4, then the three *yodhs* represent Jehovah, and the Chaldee word for "Elohim" is written out.

But what do the Jews say ? Aben Ezra writes, on "Elohim" in Gen. 1 : 1 : "After that we have found *Eloah* we know that *Elohim* is plural number, and this root is on the footing of the language ; for there is to every language a form of honor, and the form of honor of one speaking in a foreign tongue is, that one should say, the less before the great, in the plural number ; and in the language of Ishmael, the form of honor that one should speak of the Great, as the King, should be in the plural number ; and in the Holy Tongue the way of honor speaking concerning the Great is in the plural number as : 'adonim' and 'bealim ;' and so the words *alaiv*, *ailaiv* and *adaiv*, therefore it is said, as it is written, *bara* and not *bircoo*."

Here are five plural words, so called, Aben Ezra gives, to show that it was common to the Hebrew language, in certain cases, to use the plural with a singular meaning. The two first words are "adonim" and "bealim," and they are plural nouns and have nearly the same meaning ; viz., that of master, or owner. Servants used the plural form because they were subject to husband, wife, and children. This was natural and proper. It therefore proves nothing, that a plural form was used.

The other three forms are not plural, I would say. They are all from one form of root, and that the weakest in the language. They are from what is called "Lamedh He" verbs. Originally these were "lamedh wav" or "lamedh yodh" verbs, though some think they were bi-literal roots, that a weak letter was added at the end of the primary root, and thus they were made tri-literal. (See note, in Nordheimer's Grammar, under section 439, also Gesenius' Grammar, section 103 : 3 and foot-note, where it is stated that these words may be traced back to *singular* forms.)

The Rabbis in Aben Ezra's time thought that *alaiv*, *ailaiv*, and *adaiv* were plural forms, and they look like them; but the scholarship of the present day would, I think, regard them as singular forms, the weak letter *he* being supplanted by the return of the original *yodh*.

Aben Ezra, is the only one of the great Rabbis of the past who has undertaken to explain this plural use of "Elohim," as far as I have seen. His argument is based mainly on the usage of language generally and as far as the Hebrew is concerned, *he fails to prove it*. He notices the fact that the verb "create" is in the singular with its plural nominative, but that only shows that there is unity in its plurality, since the word is a peculiar name of Deity and is *sui generis*.

I quote from Dr. Roy's dictionary as follows: "Rabbi Solomon ben Joachi says on the sixth section of Leviticus: 'Come and behold the wonderful mystery in the word "Elohim;" there are three degrees, and each degree distinct and by itself, and yet they are all one, and formed together in one, and are not divided nor separated from each other.'"

Matthew Poole makes this same quotation from Rabbi Joachi, and he remarks on *Bara Elohim* in Gen. 1:1: "Ad verbum *creavit Dii*, insinuatur his *pluralitas* in Deo cum *unitate* [licat Judæi conentur frivole refellere]": and he adds, as making this remark, the names of "Munster," "Paulus Fagius," "Piscator," and "Ainsworth."

It is a traditional *Unitarian* bias that makes "Elohim" to be, simply, a plural of excellency.

NOTES TO HOSEA.

Hosea was a Prophet of the Northern Kingdom; *i. e.*, of Israel. It was 800 to 725 B. C. The kingdom of Israel lasted 254 years (975 to 721). It was destroyed 720 B. C. by Shalmanezar's deporting the people into Assyria. See 1 Kings 17 : 6 and 18 : 9. Hosea writes of *last things*, as follows in part: —

1 : 4, 5, A battle of "Jezreel," yet to be.

1 : 5, "in that day," a prophetic formula, referring to the second coming of Jesus. So also at 2 : 18, 19, 22, and 1 : 7.

2 : 2, or 1 : 11 English Version, "day of Jezreel."

3 : 5, "the *end* of the days" relates to the future.

4 : 12, "worshiping wood," idolatry to be.

5 : 5 and 7 : 10, "The Proud one," *i. e.*, Anti-Christ.

5 : 8, "He" is the Anti-Christ.

5 : 11, Anti-Christ.

5 : 13 and 10 : 6, King "Jareb" will be Anti-Christ.

5 : 14, The "Great Tribulation" of Daniel.

7 : 2, the "King" is Anti-Christ.

7 : 5, Anti-Christ inaugurated "King."

8 : 1, An "Eagle," the Anti-Christ.

3, "Enemy" is Anti-Christ.

5, "He" is Anti-Christ.

10, "King of princes" is Anti-Christ.

9 : 3, the "Slayer" is Anti-Christ.

10 : 2, "He" and "He" are Anti-Christ.

10, The nations under Anti-Christ.

12, second coming of Jesus.

14, "Shalman" is probably Anti-Christ.

15, King of Israel is Anti-Christ.

11 : 5, "Assyrian" is Anti-Christ.

9, second coming of Jesus.

13 : 9, The "King" is Anti-Christ.

15, He that spoils is Anti-Christ.

CHAPTER I.

1 The word of Jehovah that came unto Hosea, Son of Beairi; in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Achaz, Jechizchiyah, kings of Judah: and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 The beginning of the word of Jehovah by Hosea: and Jehovah said unto Hosea, go take to thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms; for the land shall certainly commit whoredom; from following Jehovah.

3 And he went and took; Gomer, daughter of Diblayim: and she conceived and she bare to him a son.

4 And Jehovah said unto him; call his name Jezreel: for yet a little, and I will visit the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu; and I will cause to cease; the kingdom of the house of Israel.

5 And it shall be, "in that day": [a future prophecy] that I will break the bow of Israel; in the valley of Jezreel.

6 And she conceived again, and she bare a daughter; and he said to him; call her name "Lo-ruchamah:" for I will not yet have mercy with the house of Israel that I should freely pardon them.

7 But with the house of Judah I will have mercy; and I will save them by Jehovah their God; and I will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle; by horses nor by horsemen. [This miracle is to occur when Jesus returns.]

8 And she weaned Lo-ruchamah: and she conceived and bare a son.

9 And He said: call his name "Lo-Ammi": for ye are not my people; and I will not be for you.

CHAPTER II.

1 [In Hebrew Bible or 1:10 in English version.] And the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea; which cannot be measured nor counted; and it shall be in the place where it shall be said to them ye are not my people; it shall be said of them "sons of the living God."

2 [The future union of the two nations here predicted.] And they the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together; and they shall put *one head* to them, and they shall ascend from the earth: for great [shall be] the day of Jezreel. [This will be a second miracle, the first is in 1:7.]

3 Say ye to your brethren, "My people:" and to your sisters, "beloved."

4 Contend ye against your mother, contend ye; for she is not my wife; and I am not her husband: let her now remove her whoredoms, from before her; and her adulteries from between her breasts.

5 Lest I shall strip her naked; and I shall set her: as in the day she was born: and I shall place her like the wilderness, and set her in a dry land; and I shall kill her with thirst.

6 And I will not have pity with her children: for they are children of whoredoms.

7 For their mother has whored; she that conceived them has caused shame: for she hath said, I will go after my lovers, the givers of my bread and my water; my wool and my flax; my oil and my drink.

8 Therefore behold me hedging thy way with thorns: and I will build her wall; and her paths she shall not find.

9 And she shall pursue her lovers, and shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: and she shall say, I will go and I will return unto my first husband; for it was then better to me than now.

10 And she did not acknowledge that I have given to her; the corn and the new wine and oil: and that I have multiplied silver to her, and gold they have offered to the Baal.

11 Therefore I will return, and I will take my corn in its time; and my new wine in its season: and I will snatch away my wool and my flax; for covering their nakedness.

12 And now, I will reveal their folly, to the eyes of her lovers: and no man shall deliver her from my hand.

13 And I will cause all her gladness to cease; her festival, her new moon and her Sabbath: and all her appointed feasts.

14 And I will destroy her vine and her fig tree; which she said a gift they are to me; which my lovers have given to me: and I will make them for a forest; and the beast of the field shall consume them.

15 And I will visit upon her, the days of the *Baalim*, when she used to burn incense to them; and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewelry; and she went after her lovers: and me she forgot, saith Jehovah.

16 Therefore, behold I am persuading her; and I will bring her to the wilderness: and I will speak to her heart.

17 And I will give to her her vineyards from thence; and the valley of Achor for a door of expectation: and she shall sing there like the days of her youth; and like the day of her coming up from the land of Egypt.

18 And it shall be "*in that day*" [a prophetic formula] saith Jehovah; thou shalt call me my husband: and thou shalt not call me again my baal.

19 And I will remove the names of the Baalim from her mouth: and they shall not be remembered again by their name.

20 And I will ratify to them a covenant *in that day* [of His second coming]; with the beast of the field and with the fowl of the heaven; and the creeping things of the ground: and bow and sword and war I will break from the earth; and I will cause them to lie down confidently.

21 And I will betroth thee to me forever: yea I will betroth thee to me in righteousness and in judgment; and in mercy and in compassion.

22 And I will betroth thee to me in faith: and thou shalt know Jehovah.

23 And it shall be *in that day* [of His second coming], I will answer saith Jehovah I will answer the heavens: and they, they shall answer the earth.

24 And the earth shall answer the corn, and the new wine and the oil: and they, they shall answer Jezreel.

25 And I will sow her to me in the land: and I will have compassion with Lo-ruchamrh: and I will say to Lo-Ammi thou art my people, and he shall say "My God."

CHAPTER III.

1 And Jehovah said unto me, Go again, love a woman beloved of a friend, and an adulteress: like the love of Jehovah with the children of Israel; and they are turning to other Gods; and are lovers of grape cakes.

2 And I bought her for myself; with fifteen of silver and a *chomer* of barley and a *lethek* of barley.

3 And I said unto her, many days thou shalt abide [true] to me; thou shalt not whore; nor shalt thou be to [another] man: and I also [will be true] unto thee.

4 For many days, the children of Israel shall abide; without a King, and without a Prince; and without a sacrifice, and without a standing image: and without an ephod or teraphim.

5 After that the children of Israel shall return; and they shall seek Jehovah their God; and David their King: and they shall fear on account of Jehovah and on account of His goodness, in *the end of the days.* [This is also a prophetic formula marking the return of Jesus].

CHAPTER IV.

1 Hear ye the word of Jehovah O children of Israel: for there is contention of Jehovah, with the inhabitants of the land; for there is no truth and there is no mercy and there is no knowledge of God in the land.

2 There is swearing and lying; and murdering and stealing and committing adultery: they have broken out and blood against blood have touched.

3 Therefore the land shall mourn, and every inhabitant in it languishing, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowl of the heavens: and even the fishes of the sea shall be taken away.

4 Only a man should not strive nor seek to set right another: and thy people are like striving with the priests.

5 And thou shalt stumble by day; and the prophet shall stumble with thee at night: and I will destroy thy mother.

6 My people have been destroyed for lack of the knowledge: for those, the knowledge thou hast rejected, and I will reject thee from being a priest to me; seeing that thou hast forgotten the law of thy God; I will forget thy sons, even I.

7 According as they multiplied they sinned against me: their glory into shame I will change.

8 The sin-offering of my people they will eat: and they shall each one bear the guilt of their iniquity.

9 And it shall be as to the people so to the priest: and I will visit his ways upon him and his doings I will recompense to him.

10 And they shall eat, but they shall not be satisfied; they have whored, but they shall not increase: for they have ceased to observe Jehovah.

11 Whoredom and wine and new wine, will take the heart.

12 My people will ask of its wood [as to the future]; and its staff will tell it: for a spirit of whoredom has seduced; and they have whored from under their God.

13 Upon the tops of the mountains they would sacrifice, and upon the hills they would burn incense; under the oak and poplar, and the terebinths, for her shade is good: therefore your daughters shall whore, and your daughters in law shall commit adultery.

14 I will not inflict punishment upon your daughters when they shall whore; nor upon your daughters in law when they shall commit adultery; for they with harlots go aside; and with holy maidens they will sacrifice: and a people that will not understand shall be prostrated.

15 If thou art whoring, O Israel; let not Judah be guilty: and ye shall not come to Gilgal, nor shall ye ascend to Bethaven; nor shall ye be sworn "Jehovah liveth."

16 For Israel *has been* refractory like a refractory cow: *now*, Jehovah will feed them like a lamb in a broad place.

17 Ephraim is bound to idols: let him alone.

18 Their carousal is gone: whoring they have whored: her shields have loved, they have loved shame.

19 The wind hath bound her up in its wings: and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAPTER V.

1 Hear ye this O Priests, and attend O house of Israel, and hearken ye O house of the King; for to you is the judgment: for ye have been a snare to Mizpah; and a net, spread upon Tabor.

2 And slaughtering they that have turned aside have acted deeply: and I [will be] a chastisement for them all.

3 I have known Ephraim; and Israel has not been hid from me: for now thou hast whored, O Ephraim; thou hast become unclean, O Israel.

4 They will not give up their doings to return unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in their midst; and they have not known Jehovah.

5 And the Proud one of Israel, [the Anti-Christ to be] shall speak before him: and Ephraim and Israel shall be stumbled in

their iniquity; even Judah has begun to stumble with them. [In supporting claims of the A. C.]

6 With their flocks and with their herds will they go to seek Jehovah, and shall not find [Him]: He has withdrawn from them.

7 Against Jehovah they have acted treacherously; for they have begotten strange children: now, a month shall consume them with their portion. [This is all future under the A. C.]

[Begins a new paragraph and a new, though related, subject]:

8 Blow ye the Cornet in Gibeah; the Trumpet in Ramah; the war-cry Bethaven; He [the A. C.] is after thee O Benjamin.

9 Ephraim shall be for a desolation; in the day of punishment: among the tribes of Israel I have made [it] known, it is sure.

10 The princes of Judah have been; like the drawers back of the boundary line: upon them; I will pour out my wrath like water.

11 Ephraim is oppressed, he is broken in pieces by judgment: for he was willing; he went according to the commandment. [To be issued by the A. C.]

12 And I will be like the moth to Ephraim: and like the rot to the house of Judah.

13 And Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his sore; and Ephraim went to Assyria; and he sent unto king Jareb: [a name for the A. C.] and he shall not be able to heal you; nor shall he cure any of you of the sore.

14 For I shall be as the lion to Ephraim; and like the young lion to the house of Judah: I, I, I will tear in pieces, and I will go away; I will carry off, and there is none delivering.

15 I will go away, I will return unto my place; until that they shall suffer the punishment of their guilt, and they shall seek my face: in their distress [the *Great Tribulation* foretold by Daniel] they shall seek me early.

CHAPTER VI.

1 [At the end of the *Great Tribulation* they say:] Come ye, and we will return unto Jehovah; for He has torn and He will heal us: He hath smitten and he will bind us up.

2 He will revive us after two days: on the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live before Him.

3 And we shall know, we shall follow on to know Jehovah ; His going forth is fixed like the morning : and He shall come to us as the rain ; like the latter rain shall water the earth.

4 What shall I do to thee O Ephraim ; what shall I do to thee O Judah : seeing that your favor is like a cloud of the morning ; and is going like the early dew :

5 Therefore, I have hewed down by the prophets ; I have slain them by the words of my mouth : and thy judgments are as a light shall go forth.

6 For I have delighted in mercy, and not sacrifice : and knowledge of God, more than burnt offerings.

7 But they! like Adam have transgressed the Covenant : there they have acted treacherously against me.

8 Gilead ! is a city of workers of iniquity: marked with blood.

9 And as troops lying in wait for man, a company of priests ; on the road to Shechem they will murder : for they have acted an evil thought.

10 In the house of Israel ; I have seen a horrible thing : there is whoredom to Ephraim ; Israel has been defiled.

11 Also O Judah ; he hath placed a harvest for thee : on my returning the captivity of my people.

CHAPTER VII.

1 About the time of my healing to Israel then the iniquity of Ephraim shall be revealed and the wickedness of Samaria ; for they have wrought a lie : and the thief shall come ; a troop has stripped without.

2 And they shall not say to their heart [that] I remember all their wickedness : now their deeds have surrounded them ; they have been before my face.

3 In their wickedness they shall make glad the King : [Anti-Christ] and with their lies the princes.

4 All of them are adulterers ; like an oven heated by the baker : he shall cease from stirring ; from kneading the dough, until it is leavened.

5 On the day of [the inauguration of] our King [Anti-Christ] the princes became sick with heat of wine : he [the King] has held out his hand with scorners.

6 For they have drawn their heart near like an oven in their plot: all the night their baker is sleeping; in the morning! it is burning like a flame of fire.

7 All of them shall be heated like the oven; and they shall consume their judges: all their Kings have fallen; there is none among them calling unto me.

8 Ephraim; among the peoples, he shall mix himself: Ephraim has been a cake not turned.

9 Strangers have devoured his strength; and he did not know it: yea, gray hair is sprinkled upon him; and he has not known it.

10 And *the Proud one of Israel* shall speak before him: and they shall not turn unto Jehovah their God; nor shall they seek Him for all this.

11 And Ephraim was; as a simple dove, without heart: to Egypt they called, to Assyria they went.

12 As soon as they shall go I will spread my net over them; like as a bird of the heaven I will bring them down: I will chastise them; as a report to their congregation.

13 Woe to them! for they have wandered from me; destruction is to them, for they have transgressed against me: and I, I will redeem them; but they; they have spoken lies against me.

14. And they have not cried unto me with their heart; but they shall howl upon their beds: on account of corn and new wine they shall assemble themselves, they shall rebel against me.

15 And I, I admonished; I strengthened their arms: and against me they will impute evil.

16 They shall return, not to the Most High; They have been like a deceitful bow; their princes shall fall by the sword, for the anger of their tongue: this shall be for a derision in the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 The cornet to thy mouth; like an eagle [the Anti-Christ cometh] against the house of Jehovah: because they have passed over my covenant; and against my law have they transgressed.

2 To me, they shall cry: My God, we, Israel, have known thee.

3 [God replies] Israel has cast off good: the enemy [A. C.] shall pursue him.

4 They have caused Kings to reign, but not from me; they have made *princes* and I knew it not: [At Isa. 10:8 the A. C. boasts that his princes are all kings] of their silver and their gold they have made idols for themselves; in order that he [Israel] may be cut off.

5 He [the A. C.] hath cast away thy calf, O Samaria; my anger is kindled against them: how long! they will not attain to innocency.

6 For it is from Israel, and it; a carpenter made it; and it is no God: for it shall become flames; the calf of Samaria.

7 For they shall sow the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind: there is no standing corn, the shoot shall not make meal; peradventure it should make it strangers shall swallow it down.

8 Israel has been swallowed down: now they have become among the nations wherein is no delight.

9 For they have gone up to Assyria; a wild ass alone to himself: Ephraim, they have hired lovers.

10 Even, though they shall hire among the nations now I will gather them: and they shall begin to be few; from the burden of the King of Princes [*i. e.*, the Anti-Christ].

11 Because Ephraim hath multiplied altars to sin: altars have been to him to sin.

12 I would write for him the many things of my law: [but] they were counted a strange thing.

13 [Of] My sacrificial offerings they are accustomed to slay flesh and eat; Jehovah has not accepted them: now He will remember their iniquity, and He will punish their sin; they shall return to Egypt [Deut. 28:68, in ships].

14 And Israel hath forgotten his maker, and he has built palaces; and Judah; hath multiplied buttressed cities: and I will send a fire in his cities; and I will consume her palaces.

CHAPTER IX.

1 Do not be glad, O Israel, for exultation like the peoples; for thou hast committed whoredom from thy God: thou hast loved a gift upon all threshing floors of corn.

2 The threshing floor and the wine vat shall not feed them: and the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in the *land* of Jehovah: but Ephraim shall return to Egypt; and in Assyria they shall eat the unclean.

4 They shall not pour out wine to Jehovah, nor shall they be pleasing to Him: their slain offerings shall be to them as the bread of mourners; all its eaters shall be polluted: for their bread is for themselves; it shall not come into the house of Jehovah.

5 What will ye do for the day of the assembly: even for the day of the feast of Jehovah.

6 For, behold, they are gone away because of the destruction [future]; Egypt shall gather them up, Moph shall bury them: that which is desirable of their silver, nettles shall possess them; the thorn shall be in their tents.

7 The days of the visitation have come, the days of the retribution have come; Israel shall acknowledge it: a fool was the prophet, a madman the man of spirit because of the greatness of thy iniquity; and the great enmity.

8 Ephraim is watching with my God: [for help or to see what He will do] the prophet shall be a snare of a fowler in all his ways; enmity shall be in the house of his God.

9 They have deeply corrupted themselves as the days of Gibeah: He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.

10 Like the grapes in the wilderness, I have found Israel; like the first ripe in the fig tree, in her beginning, I had seen your fathers: they, they came to Baal Peor, and they were separated to that shame; and they were abominable like that they loved.

11 Ephraim; their glory shall fly away like the bird: there shall be no birth, or pregnancy or conception.

12 But if they should rear up their children; yet I would bereave them from there being a man: but woe also to them on my departing from them.

13 I have seen Ephraim like to Tyre planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim is to bring out to the slayer [A. C.] his children.

14 Give to them, Jehovah, what thou will give: Give to them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal, for there I have hated them; on account of the wickedness of their doings I will drive them from my house: I will not love them any more; all their princes are revolters.

16 Ephraim has been smitten; their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, if they shall beget; yet would I slay the treasures of their belly.

17 My God will reject them, for they have not hearkened unto Him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

CHAPTER X.

1 Israel is a spreading vine; fruit it shall set to itself: according to the abundance of his fruit he hath multiplied the Altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made good images.

2 Their heart is smooth, now shall they suffer the punishment of their guilt: *he*, [the A. C.] shall cut off their altars; *he* [A. C.] will destroy their images.

3 For, now they will say, there is no King to us: for we have not feared Jehovah; and the King what shall *he* do for us?

4 They have spoken words; swearing falsely to ratify a covenant: and judgment shall spring up like a poisonous herb upon the furrows of the field.

5 Because of the calves of Beth-aven; they shall fear, [every] dweller of Samaria: for its people have mourned on its account, and its idolatrous priests would rejoice over its glory, but that it has disappeared from it.

6 Also it to Assyria shall be brought; a present to King Jareb [the A. C.]: shame Ephraim shall receive; and Israel shall be ashamed because of his counsel.

7 As for Samaria her King has been cut off: like a chip upon the face of the waters.

8 And the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel shall be destroyed; thorn and thistle; shall ascend upon their altars: and they shall say to the mountains cover ye us; and to the hills fall ye upon us.

9 From the days of Gibeah; thou hast sinned, O Israel: there they have stood; war against the children of iniquity did not overtake them in Gibeah.

10 It is in my desire and I will chastise them: and the nations shall be gathered together [under the A. C.] against them; when they are bound for their two iniquities [the two calves].

11 And Ephraim is a well-taught heifer loving to thresh:

but I have passed over on her fair neck: I will cause Ephraim to ride, Judah shall plow; Jacob shall break his clods for him.

12 Sow to yourselves for righteousness, reap according to kindness; cultivate for yourselves virgin soil: seeing that it is time to seek Jehovah; until *He shall come* [second coming] and He shall teach righteousness to you.

13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity, ye have eaten the fruit of lying: because thou hast confided in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 And a tumult shall arise against thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be destroyed; according to the destruction of Shalman [A. C.?] at Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother upon her children was dashed to pieces. [Nothing is known concerning this devastation, because it is yet future.]

15 Like this Bethel has done to you; because of the wickedness of your wickedness: in the early morning! the King of Israel [A. C.] shall certainly be cut off.

CHAPTER XI.

1 When Israel was young then I loved him: and I called to my son out of Egypt.

2 They called to them: so they went from before them; to the Baalim they used to sacrifice; and to the graven images they used to burn incense.

3 And I, I taught to Ephraim to walk; taking them by his arms: and they knew not that I healed them.

4 With cords of a man I used to draw them, with chains of love; and I was to them as those who lift up the yoke upon their jaws: and gently toward him I caused [him] to eat.

5 He shall not return to Egypt; seeing that the Assyrian [A. C.] he is his King: because they refused to return.

6 And the sword shall whirl about in his cities; and shall consume his bars and devour them: because of their own devices.

7 And my people are hung in suspense for my return: and unto the Most High they will call for Him; together they will not exalt.

8 How shall I give thee up O Ephraim, shall I deliver thee, O Israel; how shall I give thee up as Admah; shall I place thee as

Zeboim: my heart has been turned within me; my compassions have been kindled together.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of my anger; I will not *return* [second coming] to destroy Ephraim: for I am God and not man; the Holy One in thy midst; and I will not *come* [second coming] in wrath.

10 After Jehovah [when he comes] they will go, like a lion He shall roar: when He shall roar then the children [the Jews] shall hasten together from the West.

11 They shall hasten together as a bird out of Egypt; and as a dove from the land of Assyria: and I will cause them to dwell in their own houses saith Jehovah.

CHAPTER XII.

1 Ephraim hath surrounded me with lying; and the house of Israel with deceit: and Judah yet rambles away against God; and with the Holy Ones [the Trinity] is he faithful.

2 Ephraim is feeding on wind; and pursuing the East Wind; all the day! Lying and destruction he will cause to increase: and a covenant with Assyria [see Isaiah 28–15, 17] they will ratify; and oil to Egypt shall be carried.

3 And a controversy [shall be] to Judah from Jehovah: and to punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his deeds He will recompense him.

4 In the belly he took his brother by the heel: and by his strength he strove with God.

5 And he strove with the Angel and prevailed; he wept and he himself made supplication to Him: at Bethel he used to find Him; and there He used to speak with us.

6 Even Jehovah, God of Hosts: Jehovah is His manchild.

7 And thou, unto thy God *thou shalt return:* mercy and judgment keep thou; *and wait* for thy God continually. [The verb "wait" means to do so with *expectation* for His coming].

8 As for Canaan, in his hand are the scales of deceit, he loveth to oppress.

9 And Ephraim said; truly I am rich; I have found wealth for myself: it is all my labor; they will not find against me iniquity that is sin.

10 And I am Jehovah thy God from the land of Egypt:

again, I will cause thee to dwell in tents as in the days of the solemn feast.

11 And I used to speak by the prophets; and I, a vision I have multiplied: and by the ministry of the prophets I would use similitudes.

12 Is Gilead vain, they have only become nothing; in Gilgal they will sacrifice oxen: even their altars are like waves upon the furrows of the field.

13 And Jacob fled to the field of Syria: and Israel served on account of a wife; and on account of a wife he kept guard.

14 And by a prophet Jehovah brought Israel up from Egypt: and by a prophet he was guarded.

15 Ephraim has provoked most bitterly: and his blood he shall leave upon him; and his reproach his Lord shall return to him.

CHAPTER XIII.

1 When Ephraim spake there was terror; he exalted himself in Israel: and he became guilty in the matter of Baal and he died.

2 And now they continue to sin, and they make for themselves molten images from their silver, idols according to their understanding; the manufacture of the Artificer, all of it: to them they are saying; the sacrifices [among] men should kiss the calves.

3 Therefore, they shall be like a cloud of the morning; and like the early dew is going; as chaff shall blow away from the threshing floor; and like smoke out of the window.

4 And I, am Jehovah thy God from the land of Egypt: and thou shalt know no God beside me; and there is no Saviour except me.

5 I knew thee in the wilderness: in the land of burning tents.

6 According to their pasturing so were they filled; they were filled and their heart was lifted up: therefore they forgat me.

7 And I became to them as a lion: like a leopard I would watch by the way.

8 I used to meet them as a bear bereaved; and I would tear open the enclosure of their heart: and I would eat them there like a lioness; [like] the beast of the field would tear them in pieces.

9 O Israel he [the King, A. C.] has corrupted thee, but in me is thy help.

10 I will be thy King now; and he shall save thee in all thy cities: and thy judges; of whom thou didst say; give me a King and princes.

11 I will give thee a King [A. C.] in my anger; and I will take [him] away in my wrath.

12 Bound up in the iniquity of Ephraim; hidden is his sin.

13 The pains of a travailing woman shall come to him: he is an unwise son; for it is a time he should not stand in the breaking forth of children.

14 From the power of Sheol I will ransom them; from death I will redeem them: I will be thy destruction O Death, I will be thy cutting off O Sheol; repentance shall be hidden from my eyes.

15 For he: among brethren shall bear fruit: an East wind, a wind of Jehovah shall come, ascending in the wilderness and shall dry up his spring and make his fountain dry; *he* [A. C.] shall spoil; the treasure of all the vessels of delight.

CHAPTER XIV.

1 Samaria shall suffer the punishment of her guilt; for she hath rebelled against her God: by the sword they shall fall; her children shall be dashed to pieces; and her pregnant women shall be ripped up.

2 Return O Israel; to Jehovah thy God: for thou hast stumbled by thine iniquity.

3 Take ye with you, words; and return unto Jehovah: say ye unto Him, wilt thou forgive all iniquity and receive us graciously; then shall we requite the fruit of our lips.

4 Asshur shall not save us, upon horses we shall not ride; and not shall we say again to the manufacture of our hands "Our Gods:" for in thee the fatherless shall find mercy.

5 I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely: for my anger is returned from him.

6 I will be as the dew to Israel: he shall blossom like the lily: and strike his roots like the Lebanon.

7 His sucklings shall go forth; and his beauty shall be as the olive: and a scent to him like the Lebanon.

8 The dwellers in His [the Jehovah man's] shade shall return; they shall revive as corn and blossom as the vine: His manchild [the Jehovah man] shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

9 Ephraim [shall say] what have I to do any more with idols: I, I have answered him and I will observe him, I [will be] to him like a green cypress; from me thy fruit is found.

10 Who is wise and he shall understand these things? prudent and he shall know them: for right are the ways of Jehovah, and the righteous shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall stumble against them.

JOEL.

JOEL was one of the earlier prophets. He lived in the Southern Kingdom. Some make him to have prophesied even earlier than Jonah, 870–865, B. C., while others locate him about 800 B. C. The grand subject before him was "the day of Jehovah" in all its extent. The Jews are restored; and the whole *eastern* world is redivivus; and the Millenial Kingdom comes. He gives an account of an *unparalleled* calamity, and as it is to happen in "the day of the Lord," it is yet future. My explanatory notes are inserted in the text.

CHAPTER I.

1 The word of Jehovah that came unto Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear ye this, the old men; and give ear all the inhabitants of the land: hath this been in your days; or, in the days of your fathers?

3 Concerning it, tell ye [of it] to your children: and your children to their children: and their children to another generation.

4 The leaving of the gnawing locust hath the swarming locust eaten; and the leaving of the swarming locust hath the licking locust eaten: and the leaving of the licking locust hath the consuming locust eaten.

5 Wake up ye drunkards, and weep ye; and howl ye, all drinkers of wine: on account of the new wine: for it hath been cut off from your mouth.

[A new subject begins here.]

6 For a nation [the Northerner of 2:20] has ascended upon my land; numerous, yea without number: his [men's] teeth are the teeth of a lion [this cannot be spoken of locusts] and the cheek teeth of a lioness are to *him* [the Anti-Christ leader.]

7 *He* [A. C.] hath placed my vine for a desolation; and my

fig tree for chips: *he* [A. C.] hath made [it] clean bare and cast it away; they [his troops] have made white its branches.

8 Lament thou, like a virgin girded with sackcloth, on account of the betrothed of her youth.

9 The meal and drink offering have been cut off from the house of Jehovah: the priests the servants of Jehovah have mourned.

10 The field has been laid waste; the ground has mourned: for the corn is laid waste; dried up is the new wine, the new oil is languishing.

11 The husbandmen have become ashamed, howl ye vine-yardists; on account of the wheat and on account of the barley: for the harvest of the field is perished.

12 The vine is made ashamed; and the fig tree is languishing: the pomegranate, also the palm tree and the apple, all the trees of the field have dried up; for joy hath dried up from the children of men.

13 Gird yourselves and lament O Priests, howl ye servants of the Altar; come ye, lodge ye in sackcloth ye servants of my God: for there has been withheld from the house of your God the meal offering and the drink offering.

14 Sanctify ye a fast, call ye a solemn assembly: gather ye the Elders, all the dwellers of the land; to the house of Jehovah your God: and cry ye unto Jehovah.

15 Alas, for the day: for near is *the day of Jehovah;* and as a destruction from the Almighty *it* shall come.

16 Is it not before our eyes food has been cut off: from the house of our God gladness and joy?

17 The grains have rotted underneath their clods; the store houses have become desolate; the barns have been pulled down. for the corn is dried up.

18 How the cattle groan, how the herds of cattle have been perplexed; for there is no pasture for them: even the flocks of sheep have been suffering.

19 Unto thee, Jehovah, I will call: for a fire has consumed the pastures of the wilderness; and a flame hath kindled all the trees of the field.

20 Also the beasts of the field shall bleat unto thee: for the brooks of waters have dried up; and a fire: has consumed the pastures of the field.

CHAPTER II.

1 Blow ye the [shepherd's] horn in Zion, and sound an alarm on my holy mountain ; they shall tremble ; all the inhabitants of the land : for the day of Jehovah cometh, for it is near.

2 A day of darkness and of gloom, a day of cloud and thick darkness ; like dawn spread upon the mountains : a people great and numerous ; like it, there has not been from eternity ; and after it there shall not be again through the years of endless generations.

3 Before him [A. C.] a fire has consumed and behind *him* [A. C.] a flame shall kindle : as the garden of Eden the earth was before *him* [A. C.] and after *him* [A. C.] a desolate wilderness ; and even an escaped one was not to *him* [that is, there were no escapes].

4 Like the appearance of horses was his [men's] appearance : and like horsemen, so they shall run.

5 Like the noise of chariots, upon the tops of the mountains they shall dance ; like the noise of a flaming fire consuming the stubble : like a numerous people arrayed for war.

6 From before *him* [A. C.] the people shall writhe : all faces shall gather paleness.

7 Like mighty men shall they run ; like men of War they shall ascend a wall : and each in his ways they shall go ; and they shall not alter their course.

8 And no one shall urge another ; each in his path they shall go : and when upon the weapon they shall fall ; they shall not cut themselves.

9 In the city they shall run about, by the wall they shall run ; into houses they shall ascend : on account of the windows they shall enter in like the thief.

10 [The Lord's day has now come] Before Him [Christ] the earth trembled ; the heavens shook ; the sun and moon gathered blackness ; and the stars, withheld their shining.

11 And Jehovah uttered his voice before his [A. C's.] army ; for exceedingly great is *his* camp [A. C's] for numerous are the doers of *his* Word : but great shall be "the day of Jehovah" and exceedingly dreadful and who can abide it?

12 And even now Jehovah saith ; return ye unto me with all your heart : and with fasting and weeping and with lamentation.

13 And rend your hearts and not your garments; and return ye unto Jehovah your God: for gracious and merciful He shall be; slow of anger, and great kindness; and He will repent Himself of the evil.

14 Who knoweth [or acknowledgeth] He may return and repent: and cause to remain after Him a blessing; a meal offering and a drink offering to Jehovah your God.

15 [In response to Jehovah's invitation in verses 12 and 13 a call will be made as in verses 15, 16, and 17.] Blow ye the [shepherd's] horn in Zion: sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly.

16 Collect ye the people, sanctify the congregation, gather the elders; Collect the children; and the sucklings of the breast: the bridegroom shall go out of his inner apartment; and the bride from her bridal chamber.

17 Between the porch and the altar; the priests; the servants of Jehovah shall weep: and they shall say Spare thy people Jehovah, and do not give their inheritance to a reproach, for the nations to speak a proverb against them; why should they say among the people "where is their God."

18 And Jehovah was jealous for his land: and He had pity for His people.

19 And Jehovah answered and He said to His people, Behold I am sending to you the corn, and the new wine and the new oil; and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will not make you again a reproach among the nations.

20 And the Northerner [the Assyrian, or Anti-Christ] I will remove far from you, and I will cast *him* into a dry Desolate land: with *his* face, toward the East Sea and *his* rearward to the Western Sea: and *his* stink shall ascend, and *his* stench shall mount up because *he* has magnified (himself) to do [great things].

21 Do not fear, O Land: rejoice and be glad; for Jehovah has magnified to do.

22 Do not ye fear, O beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness have germinated: for the tree has borne its fruit; the fig tree and the vine have given out their strength.

23 And the sons of Zion, rejoice ye and be ye glad in Jehovah your God; for He has given to you the teacher for righteousness: and He will cause to come down to you, the showers, the early and the latter rain in the first [month].

24 And they shall fill up the barns with grain: and the vats shall overflow with new wine and fresh oil.

25 And I will recompense to you the years; which the swarming locust has eaten; the licking locust and the consuming locust and the gnawing locust: my great army; which I sent among you [as stated in first five verses of first chapter].

26 And ye shall eat, eating and being satisfied; and ye shall praise the name of Jehovah your God; since He has wrought wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that *I* am *in the midst* of Israel; and *I* am Jehovah your God, and there is none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. [Deliverance from the Northern army of A. C. is now complete.]

CHAPTER III.

1 And it shall be *after* that, I will pour out my Spirit upon *all* flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy: your old men shall dream dreams, your young men; shall see visions.

2 And also upon the men servants and the maid servants: in those days; I will pour out my spirit.

3 And I will give prodigies in the heavens, and in the earth: blood and fire; and pillars of smoke.

4 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood: before, the coming of the day of Jehovah; the great and the dreadful one.

5 And it shall be, every one who shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, according as Jehovah hath said; and in the remnant whom Jehovah is calling.

CHAPTER IV.

1 For behold, in those days, and in that time: when I shall turn the captivity of Judah, and Jerusalem.

2 That I will gather all the nations; and I will cause them to come down into the valley of Jehoshapat: and I will judge with them there, on account of my people and my inheritance Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and my land they have divided.

3 And for my people they have cast a lot: and they have given the boy for the harlot; and the girl they have sold for wine, and they have drank.

4 And also, what are ye to me, Tyre and Zidon; and all ye coasts of Philistia: is it a recompense, ye are requiting unto me? and if recompensers ye are unto me; quickly, hastily, I will return your recompense upon your own head.

5 Since my silver and my gold ye have taken: and the best of my desirable things ye have brought to your Temples.

6 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Jerusalem ye have sold to the sons of the Javanese: for the sake of removing them from their border.

7 Behold me arousing them from the place where ye had sold them thither: and I will turn back your recompense upon your head.

8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of the sons of Judah; and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a nation afar off: for Jehovah hath spoken it.

[Begins a new paragraph and a new train of thought.]

9 Proclaim this among the nations; sanctify a war: wake up mighty men; let them draw near, let them come up; all the men of war.

10 Beat your plowshares to swords; and your vine cutters to spears: the weak one; shall say [I feel that] I am a mighty man.

11 Hasten and come ye all nations from round about, and be ye collected: thither; cause thy mighty men to come down O Jehovah.

12 The nations shall be aroused and they shall come to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there, I will sit to judge all the nations from round about.

13 Put ye in the sickle; for the harvest is ripe: come, descend, for the wine press is full; the vats, they overflow; for great is their wickedness.

14 Multitudes, multitudes; [shall be] in the valley of decision: for near is the day of Jehovah; in the valley of decision

15 Sun and moon have darkened: and the stars have withheld their shining.

16 And Jehovah from Zion shall roar, and from Jerusalem He shall give forth His voice; and the heavens and the earth

shall crash: but Jehovah [shall be] the confidence of His people; and a stronghold for the children of Israel.

17 And ye shall know that I Jehovah am your God; dwelling in Zion the mountain of my holiness: and Jerusalem shall be holy; and strangers shall not pass over in it again.

[A new and final paragraph. A conclusion.]

18 And it shall be, *in that day*, the mountains shall drop down sweet new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk; and all the brooks of Judah shall flow with water: and a fountain, shall go out from the house of Judah; and shall water the valley of Shittim.

19 Egypt shall be for a desolation; and Edom for a desolate wilderness shall be: because of the violence of the song of Judah; when they poured out innocent blood in their land.

20 And Judah shall dwell forever: and Jerusalem for endless generations.

21 And I will cleanse their blood [which] I have not cleansed: and Jehovah is dwelling in Zion.

AMOS.

Amos was of the Southern Kingdom, but was commissioned to prophesy to the Northern Kingdom. It was 810 to 785 B. C. He writes, as did all the prophets, except perhaps Jonah, of LAST things. In the last three chapters there are five visions recorded. Then, "in that day," the Millennial Kingdom shall be set up.

CHAPTER I.

1 The words of Amos; who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa: which he *foresaw* concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah King of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam son of Jonah King of Israel; two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said Jehovah shall roar from Zion: (Joel 3:16; Jer. 25:30) and from Jerusalem he shall give forth his voice: and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn and the top of the Carmel shall wither.

3 Thus saith Jehovah [this expression occurs five times in this chapter and three times in the second chapter, and relates to the Syrians, Philistines, Phœnicians, Edomites, Ammonites, Moabites, Judah, and Israel] on account of three transgressions of Damascus; and on account of four I will not revoke it: because of their threshing Gilead with iron threshing machines. 2 Kings 10:32, 33.

4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael: and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

5 And I will break the bar of Damascus; and I will cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven; and he that holdeth the scepter from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity at Kir, Jehovah hath said.

6 Thus Jehovah hath said on account of three transgressions of Gaza; and on account of four I will not revoke it because of their carrying away captive the entire captivity to deliver them up to Edom.

7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza: and it shall consume her palaces.

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod; and he that is holding the scepter from Ashkelon: and I will turn my hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish; the Lord Jehovah hath said.

9 Thus Jehovah hath said on account of three transgressions of Tyre; and on account of four, I will not revoke it because of their delivering up the whole captivity to Edom; and they have not remembered the covenant of brothers.

10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre: and it shall consume her palaces.

11 Thus Jehovah hath said; on account of three transgressions of Edom; and on account of four I will not revoke it: because of his pursuing with the sword his brother and corrupted his compassions; and his anger tore forever and his wrath he kept forever.

12 But I will send a fire on Teman: and it shall consume the palaces of Bozrah.

13 Thus hath said Jehovah; on account of three transgressions of the sons of Ammon; and on account of four I will not revoke it: because they have cleaved the pregnant women of Gilead; for the sake of making broad their border.

14 But I will kindle a fire on the wall of Rabbah; and it shall consume her palaces: On their shouting the war-cry in the day of battle; in a storm on the day of the whirlwind.

15 And their King shall go into captivity: he and his princes together Jehovah hath said.

CHAPTER II.

1 Thus Jehovah hath said: concerning three transgressions of Moab; and concerning four I will not revoke it: on account of his burning the bones of the King of Edom into lime.

2 But I will send a fire into Moab; and it shall consume the palaces of Kirioth: and Moab shall die in the tumult; in the war-cry, in the blast of the trumpet.

3 And I will cut off the judge from her midst: and all her princes I will slay with him, Jehovah hath said.

4 Thus hath said Jehovah; on account of three transgressions of Judah; and on account of four I will not revoke it: because

they have despised the law of Jehovah, and his commandments they have not kept; and their liars caused them to err as their fathers walked after them.

5 But I will send a fire into Judah: and it shall consume the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 Thus hath said Jehovah; concerning three transgressions of Israel; and concerning four I will not revoke it: because of their selling the righteous for money; and the poor on account of a pair of shoes.

7 That are panting over the dust of the earth upon the head of the poor and the way of the afflicted they incline: and a man and his father, will go unto the maid to profane my holy name.

8 And upon pledged garments they will incline; beside every altar: and the wine of the fined they will drink; in the house of their God.

9 But I destroyed the Amorite from before them; whose height was like the height of the cedars; and he was strong like the oaks: and I destroyed his fruit from above and his roots from beneath.

10 And I, I brought you up from the land of Egypt: and I led you forty years in the wilderness to possess the land of the Amorite.

11 And I raised up from among your sons for prophets; and from your young men for Nazarenes: is this not so children of Israel, Jehovah hath said.

12 And ye made the Nazarites to drink wine: and concerning the prophets ye commanded saying; ye shall not prophesy.

13 Behold I am pressing you down: according as the cart is accustomed to press down; that which is full of sheaves.

14 And the flight shall perish from the swift; and the strong shall not strengthen his power: and the mighty man shall not deliver his soul.

15 And the carrier of the bow shall not stand; and the swift on his feet shall not deliver: and the rider of the horse shall not deliver his soul.

16 And the brave of heart among the mighty men: shall flee naked *in that day* [of the second coming] Jehovah hath said.

CHAPTER III.

1 Hear ye this word which Jehovah has spoken concerning you, O children of Israel: against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt saying,

2 You only have I acknowledged from all the families of the earth: therefore I will visit upon you all your iniquities.

3 Shall two walk together unless they have consulted.

4 Shall the lion roar in the forest; and there is no prey for him: shall the young lion give forth his voice from his den except he has taken something.

5 Shall the bird fall upon the snare of the ground; and there is no trap for it: shall one take up a snare from the earth; and nothing shall be taken.

6 Or shall the trumpet be blown in the city; and the people shall not be afraid: or shall there be evil in the city; and the Lord has not done it.

7 For the Lord Jehovah will not do a thing: except he has revealed his secret; unto his servants the prophets.

8 The lion has roared, who shall not fear: [who is symbolized by the lion? is it the Anti-Christ?] the Lord Jehovah has spoken; who will not be prophesying.

9 Cause ye to hear over the palaces in Ashdod; and over the palaces in the land of Egypt: and say ye, be ye collected on the mountains of Samaria; and see the great tumults in her midst; and the oppressions within her.

10 For they have not known to do the right, Jehovah hath said, who are storing up, violence and destruction, in their palaces.

[A yet future adversary here referred to — probably same as the lion in verse 8.]

11 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Jehovah; *an enemy*, and *he* is round about the land; and *he* will bring down thy strength from thee; and thy palaces shall be plundered.

12 Thus hath said Jehovah; like as the shepherd shall deliver from the mouth of the lion two legs or a piece of the ear: so shall the children of Israel be delivered who are dwelling in Samaria on the corner of a bed and on Damascus couches.

13 Hear ye and testify ye in the house of Jacob: the Lord Jehovah, God of hosts hath said.

14 For on the day of my visiting the transgressions of Israel upon him: [observe the time formula "on the day"] and I will visit upon the altars of Bethel; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off; and they shall fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite the winter house against the summer house: and the houses of ivory shall perish, and many houses shall have an end, Jehovah hath said.

CHAPTER IV.

1 Hear ye this matter ye cows of Bashan, in the mountain of Samaria; that oppress the poor; that crush the needy: who are saying to their masters bring here and we will drink.

2 The Lord Jehovah hath sworn by his holiness; that behold days are coming upon you: and *he* will take you away with hooks and your posterity with fish-hooks: [The Anti-Christ will do this.]

3 And breakers shall go out each before her: and ye shall be cast out toward [or banished to] Harmon, saith Jehovah.

4 Come ye to Bethel and Sin; at Gilgal multiply to Sin: and bring ye your sacrifices in the morning; your tithes for three days.

5 And kindle a thanksgiving offering from leaven; and cry out free will offerings hear ye: for so ye have loved, O children of Israel; the Lord Jehovah hath said.

6 And also I, I have given to you cleanness of teeth in all your cities; and deficiency of bread; in all your palaces: and ye have not returned to me, Jehovah hath said.

7 And also I have refrained from you the rain while yet there are three months to the harvest; and I have caused it to rain upon one city; and upon another city I have not caused it to rain: one part should have rain and the part which did not cause to rain upon it, withered.

8 And two, three cities shall wander unto another city to drink water and they shall not be satisfied: and ye have not returned unto me Jehovah hath said.

9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew; many times your gardens your vineyards and your fig-trees and your olive-trees the locusts shall eat: but you have not returned to me, Jehovah hath said.

10 I have sent pestilence among you in the manner of Egypt; I have slain by the sword your young men; with the booty of your horses: and I have caused to come up the stench of your camp and in your noses; but ye have not returned unto me, Jehovah hath said.

11 I have overturned among you like the destruction of God with Sodom and Gomorrah; and ye were like a brand delivered from the fire: but ye have not returned unto me, Jehovah hath said.

12 Therefore thus I will do to you O Israel: because of this I will do to thee; prepare thou to meet thy God, O Israel.

13 For behold the former of the mountains and the creator of the wind [or spirit] and who is telling to man what is his thought; that maketh the morning darkness; and he who is treading upon the high places of the earth: Jehovah of hosts is his name.

CHAPTER V.

1 Hear ye this word, which I am taking up against you, a lamentation, O house of Israel.

2 The virgin of Israel has fallen she shall not rise again: she is cast down upon her land, there is none raising her up.

3 For thus the Lord Jehovah hath said, the city that is sending out a thousand shall cause a hundred to remain, and that which sends out a hundred shall cause ten to remain: to the house of Israel.

4 For thus Jehovah hath said, to the house of Israel: seek ye me and ye shall live.

5 And do not seek Bethel; nor Gilgal shall ye enter into nor shall ye pass over into Beersheba: for Gilgal shall go into captivity and Bethel shall be for naught.

6 Seek ye Jehovah and ye shall live: unless he shall pass over like fire the house of Joseph; and consume it and there is none quenching to Bethel.

7 Who are turning judgment to wormwood: and righteousness to the earth they cause to rest.

8 Maker of the seven stars and Orion, and he who turneth the shadow of death into morning and day he darkens to night: he who calls to the waters of the sea and he pours them out upon the face of the earth, Jehovah is his name.

9 He who causes to break out desolation against the strong: and desolation against the fortress shall come.

10 They have hated the judge in the gate: and he who is speaking uprightly, they shall abhor.

11 Therefore because ye have trodden upon the poor, and the burden of wheat ye shall take from him; houses of cut stone ye have built, but ye shall not dwell in them: vineyards of delight ye have planted; but ye shall not drink their wine.

12 For I have known your many transgressions; and your numerous sins: oppressors of the righteous, takers of atonement money; and the poor in the gate ye turn aside.

13 Therefore he who is wise *at that time* shall be silent: for it is an evil time.

14 Seek ye good and not evil, that ye may live: and it shall be so Jehovah Lord of hosts shall be with you, according as ye have said.

15 Hate ye evil and love good; and establish justice in the gate: peradventure, Jehovah God of hosts shall shew favor to the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore, thus Jehovah God of hosts, the Lord; hath said; in all broad places there shall be, lamentation; and in all the streets they shall say Alas alas: and they shall call the husbandmen to mourning; and lamentation; to those skilled in wailing.

17 And in all vineyards there shall be lamentation: because I will pass over in thy midst, Jehovah hath said.

18 Woe to those who are desiring the day of Jehovah: wherefore is this to you a day of Jehovah, it is darkness and not light.

19 Like as a man shall flee from before the lion; and the bear shall meet him: Or he shall come into the house, and shall lean his hand upon the wall; and the serpent shall bite him.

20 Is not *the day of Jehovah* darkness, and not light: and obscure and no brightness to it.

21 I have hated, I have rejected your feasts: and I will not be satisfied in your assemblies.

22 For if ye shall offer to me burnt offerings and your meat offerings I will not accept: and the peace offering of your fatted beasts I will not regard.

23 Remove from me the noise of thy songs: and the melody of thy viols I will not hear.

24 But judgment shall roll down like waters: and righteousness like a mighty stream.

25 The sacrifices and the meal offerings ye have brought near to me forty years o house of Israel.

26 But yet ye would carry the shrine [of the idol] of your King; and the pedestal of their images: the star of their God which ye made for yourselves.

27 Then I will carry you captive from beyond to Damascus; Jehovah, hath said, God of hosts is his name.

CHAPTER VI.

1 Woe to those that are quiet in Zion, and who are trusting in the mountain of Samaria: defined chief of the nations; and the house of Israel shall come to them.

2 Pass ye over to Calneh and see ye; and go ye from there to Hamath-rabbah: then go down to Gath of the Philistines, are they better than those kingdoms or is their border better than your borders.

3 Ye that are driving on to the day of evil: and ye bring near the seat of violence.

4 Who are lying down upon beds of ivory; and are stretched out upon their couches: and are eating lambs from the flock; and calves out of the midst of the stall.

5 Who are chanting according to the harp: like David; they invent to them instruments of song.

6 Who are drinking in cups of wine; and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: and they are not grieved over the hurt of Joseph.

7 Therefore now they shall go into captivity at the head of the captives: and shall depart, the cry of the stretched out ones.

8 The Lord Jehovah hath sworn by himself, Jehovah God of hosts hath said; and I am abhorring the pride of Jacob: and his palaces I have hated: and I will deliver the city and its fulness.

9 And it shall be, if there shall be remaining ten men in one house, then they shall die.

10 And his uncle shall take him up and shall burn him to bring out the bones from the house: and he shall say to whosoever is in the sides of the house is there yet with thee, and he

shall say not one: and he shall say hush for we may not make mention in the name of Jehovah.

11 For behold Jehovah is commanding: and he will smite the great house with breaches: and the little house with clefts.

12 Shall horses run upon the rock; or shall one *plow* with oxen: that ye have turned judgment to poison; and the fruit of righteousness to wormwood.

13 Ye are rejoicing at what is not a matter: who were saying; is it not by our strength; we have taken to ourselves horns.

14 For behold me raising over you, O house of Israel, saith Jehovah God of hosts a *nation:* and they shall oppress you from the entrance of Hamath unto the brook of the desert.

CHAPTER VII.

[In the last three chapters there are five visions — three in the seventh chapter, the fourth in the eighth chapter, and the fifth in the ninth.]

1 Thus the Lord Jehovah hath shown me; and behold he is forming locusts: in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth: and behold the latter growth was after the mowing of the King.

2 And it came to pass when he had made an end to eat the grass of the land; that I said, O Lord Jehovah forgive I pray: who shall raise up Jacob: for he is small.

3 Jehovah repented concerning this: it shall not be, Jehovah hath said.

[Begins the second vision.]

4 Thus hath the Lord Jehovah shewed me; and behold the Lord Jehovah is calling to contend by fire: and it consumed the great deep; and devoured the portion.

5 And I said, O Lord Jehovah cease I pray; who shall raise up Jacob: for he is small.

6 Jehovah repented on account of this: even it shall not be, the Lord Jehovah hath said.

[Begins third vision.]

7 Thus he shewed me; and behold the Lord standing upon a wall with plumb-line: and in his hand a plumb-line.

8 And Jehovah said unto me, what art thou seeing Amos; and I said a plumb-line: and the Lord said behold me putting a

plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will not add again to pass over to him.

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolated; and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be destroyed: and I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 Then Amaziah priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel saying: Amos hath conspired against thee, in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to contain all his words.

11 For thus Amos hath said; Jeroboam shall die by the sword: and Israel shall certainly go into captivity from off his land.

12 And Amaziah said unto Amos; O seer: go flee thee unto the land of Judah: and eat there bread and there thou shalt prophesy.

13 And at Bethel; thou shalt not add to prophecy: for it is the sanctuary of the King; and the house of royalty it is.

14 And Amos answered and said unto Amaziah; I am no prophet; nor am I the son of a prophet: but a herdman I was and a gatherer of sycamore fruit.

15 And Jehovah took me from following the sheep: and Jehovah said unto me; go prophesy unto my people Israel.

16 And now hear thou the word of Jehovah: thou art saying, thou shalt not prophesy against Israel; nor shalt thou drop [*i. e.* prophesy] against the house of Isaac.

17 Therefore thus Jehovah hath said, thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword; and thy land shall be divided by measuring line: and thou shalt die upon an unclean land; and Israel; shall certainly go into captivity from off his land.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 Thus the Lord Jehovah hath shewed me: and behold a basket of ripe fruit.

2 And he said what art thou seeing Amos; and I said a basket of ripe fruit: and Jehovah said unto me the end has come to my people Israel; I will not add again to pass over to him.

3 And yell ye the songs of the temple *in that day;* the Lord

Jehovah hath said: great are the corpses in every place *he* has cast, hush.

4 Hear ye this; he that gaped for the poor: and to destroy the afflicted of the earth.

5 Saying, when shall the new moon pass over and we will cause to sell corn and the Sabbath that we may open wheat: to make small the ephah and to make great the shekel; and to pervert the scales of deceit.

6 To buy the poor with silver; and the needy because of a pair of shoes: and the refuse of the wheat we will sell.

7 Jehovah hath sworn by the pride of Jacob: surely I will not forget any of their works forever.

8 Shall not the earth tremble on account of this; and every dweller in it mourn: and it shall ascend like the river the whole of it; and it shall drive out and overflow like the river of Egypt.

9 *And it shall be in that day*, the Lord Jehovah hath said; and I will cause the sun to set at noon: and I will cause to darken the earth in a clear day.

10 And I will turn your feasts to mourning, and all your songs to lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth on all their loins and baldness upon every head: and I will place it like the mourning of an only son, and its end like a bitter day.

11 Behold the days are coming, the Lord Jehovah hath said; and I will send a famine in the land: not a famine of the bread nor a thirst of the water; but rather of hearing; the words of Jehovah.

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea; and from the north unto the east: they shall run to and fro to seek the word of Jehovah, and shall not find it.

13 *In that day* the beautiful virgins, and the young men faint on account of the thirst.

14 Those who are swearing by the trespass of Samaria; and they shall say thy God liveth O Dan and the life of the way to Beer-she-ba: and they shall fall and shall not rise again.

CHAPTER IX.

[Fifth vision.]

1 I saw the Lord standing by the altar and he said smite the knob and the thresholds shall crash, and wound them upon the head all of them; and the remainder of them I will slay by

the sword: a fugitive of them shall not flee; an escaped one of them shall not escape.

2 If they shall break through to Sheol; from there my hand shall take them: and if they shall ascend to the heaven from there I will bring them down.

3 And if they be hidden on the top of Mount Carmel; from there I will search them and I will take them: and if they shall be secreted before mine eyes in the bottom of the sea from thence I will command the serpent, and he shall bite them.

4 And if they shall go into captivity before their enemies; from there I will command the sword and it shall slay them: and I will set my eye upon them for evil and not for good.

5 And the Lord Jehovah of hosts, is he who is touching against the earth and it shall melt; and all the inhabitants in it shall mourn: and it shall ascend like the river the whole of it; and it shall overflow like the river of Egypt.

6 He who is building in the heavens his ascents and his troop over the earth he had founded it: he who is calling to the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth, Jehovah is his name.

7 Is it not like the sons of the Cushites ye are to me O sons of Israel, Jehovah hath said: is it not Israel I have brought up from the land of Egypt; and the Philistines from Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir.

8 Behold the eyes of the Lord Jehovah are against this sinful kingdom; and I will destroy it; from off the face of the ground: except that I will not certainly destroy the house of Jacob, Jehovah hath said.

9 For behold I am commanding; and I will sift among nations the house of Israel: according as it is sifted in a sieve and there shall not fall a grain upon the earth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword; who are saying, it shall not overtake nor shall it come on our account this evil.

[From verse 11 and onward the Kingdom of God is set up.]

11 "In that day"; I will raise up the tabernacle of David which is fallen: and I will fence their breaches, and I will raise up its ruins and I will build it as in the days of old.

12 For the sake that they may inherit the remnant of Edom and all the nations; over whom my name has been called upon them: Jehovah the doer of this hath said.

13 Behold the days are coming Jehovah hath said; and the plowman shall overtake the reaper; and the treader of grapes against the sower of the seed: and the mountains shall drip new wine; and all the hills shall melt themselves.

14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel: and they shall build the desolate cities and they shall dwell; and they shall plant vineyards; and they shall drink their wine: and they shall make gardens; and they shall eat their fruit.

15 And I will plant them upon their land: and they shall not be plucked up again from off their land which I have given to them; Jehovah thy God hath said.

OBADIAH.

Obadiah writes of the days which *precede* the millennium, as they shall *then* affect the house of Esau and the house of Jacob. He was a prophet of the Southern Kingdom, and prophesied between the years 588–583 B. C. There is no reference in his writing to Maccabean times, nor to the Christian state of things. The indications of the time when the vision is to be fulfilled are seen; *First*, In the sending of an ambassador who will be not only against Edom, but against "all the nations," a wicked one, undoubtedly the Anti-Christ of the New Testament; *Second*, At the eighth verse the prophetic formula "in that day" occurs, which fixes the time of the second coming; *Third*, verse 15 marks it by the expression, "the day of the Lord;" *Fourth*, The matter of the twelfth verse proves it; *Fifth*, verse 21 does also, for it is then "the Kingdom becomes the Lord's."

1 A vision of Obadiah: thus the Lord Jehovah hath said concerning Edom, we have heard a report from Jehovah, and an *ambassador* [the root conveys the idea that the ambassador will be an adversary, an enemy, a "wicked," Prov. 13: 17 or "cruel," Prov. 11: 17; as the root suggests] has been sent among *the nations;* [he who rouses them, this ambassador, says] arise ye, and we will rise up against her [Edom] to the battle.

2 [Jehovah speaks by the prophet.] Behold I have made thee small among the nations: thou art exceedingly despised.

3 The haughtiness [or proud insolence] of thy heart hath deceived thee; dweller in the clefts of the rock, on high is his habitation: he is saying in his heart who can bring me down to the ground?

4 If thou wert to rise as high as the eagle; or if among the stars to set thy nest: from there I will bring thee down, saith Jehovah of Hosts.

5 If thieves had come to thee, if plunderers at night; how wouldst thou have been destroyed?; would they not have stolen

their sufficiency?; If vintagers had come would they not have left gleanings ?

6 How have they [the treasures] of Esau been explored; how have his hidden things been sought out.

7 Unto the border all the men of thy covenant have sent thee; they have deceived thee, they have prevailed against thee, the men of thy peace: thy food they will make strange under thee; there is no one understanding *him.*

[This last clause may be rendered in either of two ways, besides our Bible translation. *First*, There is none understanding *because of him*, meaning the "ambassador" of verse 1 who will be the Anti-Christ; or, *Second*, there is none understanding him. This refuses to translate the ablative prefix to the "him" regarding it as pleonastic. The idiom of the language requires its presence, but it is passed over in translation as it is in the two cases of Gen. 37:10, 11, and in numerous other instances. So the reference of the "him" would still be to the "ambassador." He will be energized by Satan and no one, wise or unwise, will understand him or his ways.]

8 Is it not "in that day," saith Jehovah: and I shall cause to destroy the wise men from Edom; and understanding from the mount of Esau.

9 And thy mighty men shall be terrified O Teman: because every man of Mount Esau shall be cut off by killing.

[The cause of the ruin of the Edomites is now assigned.]

10 Because of the violence of thy brother Jacob, shame shall cover thee: and thou shalt be cut off forever.

11 In the day of thy standing opposite; in the day of strangers carrying captive his wealth: and foreigners had come to his gates, and against Jerusalem they had cast a lot: even thou wert as one of them.

[Speaking from the time of "the day of the Lord," verse 15, the Lord looks back two thousand five hundred or more years, and says:]

12 And there shouldst not have looked on in the day of thy brother, in the day of his misfortune; and thou shouldst not have rejoiced over the sons of Judah, in the day of their destruction: and thou shouldst not have enlarged thy mouth in the day of trouble.

13 Thou shouldst not have entered in the gates of my people

in the day of their calamity; thou shouldst not have looked, even thou, on his affliction in the day of his calamity: and thou shouldst not have sent forth against his wealth in the day of his calamity.

14 And thou shouldst not have stood by the pass way to cut off his escaped ones: and thou shouldst not have kept in custody his fugitives, in the day of trouble.

15 For near is "the day of Jehovah," upon all the nations: according as thou hast done it shall be done to thee; thy recompense shall return on thy head.

16 For as ye have drunken upon my holy mountain; all the nations shall drink continually: and they shall drink and swallow down; and they shall be as though they had not been.

[The remaining verses show the establishment of the kingdom of Jehovah on Mount Zion.]

17 And on Mount Zion there shall be a remnant, and it shall be holy: and they shall possess the house of Jacob; with their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire and the house of Joseph a flame and the house of Esau for *stubble;* and they shall burn among them and consume them: and there shall not be an escaped one to the house of Esau; for Jehovah hath [so] spoken.

19 And they of the South shall possess the mountain of Esau, and they of the plain the Philistines; and they shall possess the field of Ephraim; and the field of Samaria: and Benjamin, Gilead.

20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel that of the Canaanites unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem that in Sepharad: they shall possess the cities of the South.

21 And saviours shall ascend in Mount Zion to judge the Mount of Esau: and to Jehovah shall be the Kingdom.

JONAH.[1]

JONAH prophesied about 840 to 784 B. C. Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, was in Jonah's time the largest and finest city on earth. As Jonah was three days and three nights in the sea-monster's belly, so it was foretold the "son of man" should be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Jonah was a type of Christ in death and resurrection. The Greek word *keetos* rendered whale means a large fish, a sea monster and it was therefore applied to whales, sharks, and thunnies. It does not mean, necessarily, "whale" but a sea monster.

CHAPTER I.

1 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jonah son of Amittai saying,

2 Arise go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it: for their wickedness has ascended before me.

3 And Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from before Jehovah: and he went down to Joppa and he found a ship going to Tarshish, and he paid her fare and he went down in her to come with them to Tarshish from before Jehovah.

4 And Jehovah sent out a great wind into the sea and there was a great tempest in the sea: and the ship it was thought to be broken.

5 And the sailors feared, and each man cried unto his God and they cast forth the articles which were in the ship into the sea to be lightened from them: but Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.

6 And the ship-master drew nigh unto him and said unto him what are you sleeping for: arise cry unto thy God; peradventure the triune God will think upon us and we shall not perish. ["Elohim" always means "*triune* God." I have so rendered it throughout this book of Jonah.]

[1] See "Note on Jonah," page 10.

7 And they said each to his fellow come and we will cause to cast lots; and we will know on whose account this evil is to us: and they cast lots; and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8 And they said unto him tell us now on whose account this evil is upon us what is thy business and from whence thou shouldst come: what is thy country: and from what people art thou.

9 And he said unto them I am a Hebrew and I am fearing Jehovah the God of the heavens who hath prepared the sea and the dry land.

10 And the men feared a great fear; and they said unto him what is this thou hast done: for the men knew that he was fleeing from before Jehovah for he had told it to them.

11 And they said unto him what shall we do to thee; that the sea may be calm unto us: for the sea was going and raging.

12 And he said unto them take ye me up and cast me into the sea; and the sea shall be calm unto you: for I know that on my account is this great tempest upon you.

13 And the men rowed to turn to the dry land and were not able: for the sea was going and raging against them.

14 And they prayed unto Jehovah and they said we beseech thee Jehovah let us not now perish on account of this man's life; and do not lay innocent blood upon us: for thou Jehovah hast done according as thou hast pleased.

15 And they lifted up Jonah and they cast him into the sea: and the sea stood from its raging.

16 And the men feared Jehovah with a great fear: and they sacrificed a great sacrifice unto Jehovah and they vowed vows.

CHAPTER II.

1 Now Jehovah had appointed a great fish to swallow down Jonah: and Jonah was in the bowels of the fish; three days and three nights.

2 And Jonah prayed; unto Jehovah his God: from the bowels of the fish.

3 And he said I have cried because of my distress unto Jehovah and he hath answered me: from the belly of Sheol I cried, thou heardst my voice.

4 And thou didst cast me in the depth, in the heart of the seas; and the waters surrounded me: all thy breakers and thy waves passed over me.

5 And I, I said I have been cast out from before thine eyes: but I will add to look; unto thy holy temple.

6 The waters surrounded me to the soul; the depth encompassed me: the weed was wrapped to my head.

7 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; and the earth with her bars was about me forever: and thou hast brought me up from the pit O Lord my God.

8 When my soul fainted within me I remembered Jehovah and my prayer came unto thee; unto the temple of thy holiness

9 They that observe false vanities; shall forsake their mercy.

10 And I with a voice of thanksgiving I will sacrifice to thee; as I have vowed I will repay: salvation is of Jehovah.

11 And Jehovah spake to the fish: and it vomited Jonah upon the dry ground.

CHAPTER III.

1 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jonah the second time saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh that great city: [this was the greatest city in the world at that time; Babylon was then smaller] and preach unto it the preaching; that I bid thee.

3 And Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh according unto the word of Jehovah: and Nineveh was a great city before God; of three days walk.

4 And Jonah began to come into the city a journey of one day: and he cried out and said; yet forty days; and Nineveh shall be overturned.

5 And the men of Nineveh believed in God: and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest of them even unto the least of them.

6 And the word reached the King of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne; and he put off his garment from himself: and he covered himself with sackcloth; and he sat among the ashes.

7 And he caused it to be proclaimed; and published in Nineveh; by the decree of the King and his grandees, saying: the men and the beast the cattle and the sheep shall not taste any thing; they shall not feed: nor shall they drink water.

8 And men and beast shall cover themselves with sackcloth; and they shall cry unto God mightily: and they shall turn, every man from his evil way; and from the violence which is in their hands.

9 Who is knowing but that the triune God may turn and repent: and return from his fierce anger that we perish not.

10 And the triune God saw their works; that they turned from their evil way: and the triune God repented of the evil, which he had spoken to do to them and he did it not.

CHAPTER IV.

1 And it displeased Jonah exceedingly: and he was angry.

2 And he prayed unto Jehovah and he said I pray thee Jehovah was not this my word, while I was yet in my country; wherefore I anticipated it by fleeing to Tarshish; for I had known that thou art a gracious and merciful God slow of anger and of great kindness; and repentest thee concerning the evil.

3 And now Jehovah take I pray my life from me: for better is my death than my life.

4 And Jehovah said; doest thou well to be angry?

5 And Jonah went out from the city and dwelt on the east side of the city and he made for himself there a booth, and he sat underneath it in the shade until that he should see; what should happen in the city.

6 And Jehovah God prepared a gourd and it came up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his grief: and Jonah was glad on account of the gourd with a great gladness.

7 But the triune God had appointed a worm; on the rising of the dawn for the morrow: and it smote the gourd and it withered.

8 And it came to pass on the rising of the sun that the triune God appointed a vehement east wind; and the sun smote upon the head of Jonah and he fainted: and he requested that he might die; and he said; better is my death than my life.

9 And the triune God said to Jonah doest thou well to be angry on account of the gourd: and he said I do well to be angry even unto death.

10 And Jehovah said, thou hast had pity on account of the

gourd; for the which thou hast not labored nor made it grow: which came in a night and perished in a night.

11 And I, should I not have pity on Nineveh that great city which has in it more than twelve times ten thousand of men which have not known between their right hand and their left: and much cattle.

MICAH.

Micah was of the Southern Kingdom. He prophesied 758 to 699 B. C. He treats of last things, *i. e.*, of the days preceding the second coming of Jesus !

CHAPTER I.

1 The word of Jehovah, which came to Micah, the Morasthite; in the days of Jotham, Achaz, Yechizkiyah, King of Judah: which he foresaw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem [both kingdoms].

2 Hear, O peoples, all of them; hearken, O Earth and her fulness: and the Lord Jehovah shall be among you for a witness; the Lord from His Holy Temple.

3 For behold Jehovah is going forth [second coming] out of His place: and He shall go down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall be molten under Him; and the valleys shall cleave themselves: like wax before the fire; like waters that are poured down a steep place.

5 On account of the transgression of Jacob is all this; and on account of the sins of the house of Israel: who [is responsible for] the transgression of Jacob, is it not Samaria; and who [for] the high places of Judah; is it not Jerusalem.

6 And I will place Samaria for a stone heap of the field, for planting of a vine: and I will pour her stones to the valley; and her foundations I will reveal.

7 And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall be burnt in the fire; and all her idols I will make a waste: for from the hire of an harlot she has gathered [them]; and unto the hire of an harlot shall they return.

8 On account of this, I will lament and howl; I will go spoiled and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons; and a mourning like the young ostriches.

9 For her stripes are incurable: for *he* [Anti-Christ] has come to Judah; *he* has touched at the gate of my people, at Jerusalem.

10 Tell it not in Gath; weeping, weep not: in the house of Aphrah; I have rolled myself in dust.

11 Pass over to you, O inhabitress of Shaphir, naked of shame: the inhabitress of Zaanan has not gone forth at the lamentation of the house of Ezel; *he* [A. C.] shall take from you his standing.

12 For the inhabitress of Maroth has writhed for good: for evil has gone down from Jehovah to the gate of Jerusalem.

13 Bind the chariot to the swift beast, O inhabitress of Lachish: she is the beginning of sin to the daughters of Zion; for in thee they have found the transgressors of Israel.

14 Therefore thou shalt give presents; to Moresheth-Gath: the houses of Achzib shall be for a deceitful thing to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet, I will bring the possessor [A. C.] to thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: unto Adullam *he* shall come, the glory of Israel.

16 Make thyself bald and shave thyself; on account of the children of thy youth: enlarge thy baldness like the eagle; for they have gone into captivity because of thee.

CHAPTER II.

1 Woe to the thinkers of iniquity and to the doers of evil upon their beds: in the light of the morning they will do it; for it is to the power of their hand.

2 And they shall desire fields, and they shall seize them; and houses, and they shall take them: and they shall oppress a man and his house; and a man and his inheritance.

3 Therefore thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said; behold me thinking evil against this family: from which ye shall not withdraw your necks, nor shall ye go loftily; for a time of evil, it is.

4 *In that day* He shall raise up over you a *ruler* [not *Mashal*, but *Moshail*, like as 5 : 2, and he will become the Anti-Christ, or prince, of Dan. 9 : 26] and he shall wail a wailing; it is done *he* said; we have been certainly spoiled; the portion of my people *he* shall change: how shall *he* move against me! to an apostate, our fields he shall apportion.

5 Therefore there shall not be for thee; one casting a cord by lot: in the congregation of Jehovah.

6 Ye shall certainly not prophesy: ye shall not prophesy for those; reproaches shall not depart.

7 Has it been said, O house of Jacob, is the Spirit of Jehovah shortened; or are these His doings: shall not my words do good if that which is right is going on.

8 And as formerly my people shall rise up for an enemy; from over against a garment; a mantle they shall strip off: from those who are passing over confidently; returners from the war.

9 The women of my people ye will drive out; from the house of their delights: from her children; ye will take my honor forever.

10 Rise ye, and go ye, for this is not the rest: because it is polluted, *he* [A. C.] will destroy, and a determined destruction.

11 If a man walking of spirit and a liar has lied; [saying] "I will prophesy to thee; of wine and strong drink:" then he shall be a prophet of this people.

12 I will certainly gather Jacob all of thee, I will certainly collect the remnant of Israel: together I will place him like the sheep of Botzrah: like a flock in the midst of his fold; they shall make a humming noise because of men.

13 The breaker [Anti-Christ] has ascended before them; they have broken forth and have passed over; the gate, and they go out by it: and their King passes over before them; and Jehovah is at their head.

CHAPTER III.

1 And I said, hear I pray O heads of Jacob; and rulers of the house of Israel: is it not for you to know judgment.

2 Haters of good and lovers of evil: strippers of their skin from off them; and their flesh from off their bones.

3 And who have eaten the flesh of my people; and their skin from off them they have stripped; and their bones they have broken to pieces: and they have divided them as in the pot; and as flesh in the midst of the kettle.

4 Then they shall cry to Jehovah; and he will not answer them: and he will hide his face from them at that time; according as they have done evil in their doings.

5 Thus hath said Jehovah; concerning the prophets who are seducing my people: who are biting them with their teeth and they cried peace; and whosoever will not put upon their mouth; then they sanctify war against them.

6 Therefore night shall be to you because of the vision; and darkness to you because of divining; and the sun shall come over the prophets; and the day shall darken itself over them.

7 And the seers shall be ashamed and the diviners shall be confounded; and they shall cover over their lip all of them: for there is no answer of God.

8 And surely, I, I am filled with power with the spirit of Jehovah; and judgment and might: to tell to Jacob his transgression; and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear ye this I pray you O heads of the house of Jacob; and princes of the house of Israel; who are abhorring judgment; and every thing that is right they will pervert.

10 Building Zion in blood and Jerusalem in iniquity.

11 Her heads by a gift will judge, and her priests by a price shall teach; and her prophets on account of money shall divine: and upon Jehovah they shall lean saying; is not Jehovah in our midst; there shall not evil come upon us.

12 Therefore on your account Zion shall be plowed as a field: and Jerusalem shall be heaps and a mountain of the house for high places of a forest.

CHAPTER IV.

1 And it shall come to pass in *the end* of the days, the mountain of the house of Jehovah shall be fixed, in the top of the mountains; and it shall be lifted up above the hills: and peoples shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall come, and they shall say, come ye and we will go unto the mountain of Jehovah, and unto the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us from his ways; and we will walk in his paths: for from Zion shall go forth a law; and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

3 And he shall judge, among many peoples; and he shall justify for numerous nations afar off: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears to pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up against nation a sword; nor will they learn war again.

4 And every man shall dwell, under his vine and under his fig tree, and there is none making him afraid: for the mouth of Jehovah of hosts hath spoken.

5 For all the peoples; shall go; every man in the name of his God: and we, we will walk in the name of our God forever and ever.

6 *In that day* saith Jehovah I will collect the halting one; and the cast out one I will gather: and which I have afflicted.

7 And I will place the halting one for a remnant; and the far removed for a numerous nation: and Jehovah shall reign over them in Mount Zion; from now and through eternity.

8 And thou tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, unto thee it shall come: even the first dominion shall come; the Kingdom shall be to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now; why wilt thou cry a cry: is there no King in thee, or is thy counsellor perished; that writhing has laid hold upon thee, like she that is bearing.

10 Writhe thou and break forth O daughter of Zion, as she that is bearing: for now thou shalt go forth from the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go to Babylon, *there* thou shalt be delivered; *there* Jehovah shall redeem thee; from the hand of thine enemies.

11 And now, many nations have been gathered against thee: who are saying she shall be defiled; and our eyes shall look upon Zion.

12 But they, have not known the thoughts of Jehovah; and they have not understood his counsel: for he has gathered them like a sheaf of the threshing floor.

13 Rise up and tread under foot O daughter of Zion, for I will make thine horn iron and thy hoofs I will make brass; and thou shalt beat down many peoples: and I will consecrate to Jehovah their gain; and their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.

[In English Bible first verse of chapter 5.]

14 Now, gather thou thyself O daughter of a troop; a fortress he has placed against us: with the rod they shall smite upon the cheek bone; the judge of Israel: and his goings forth are from of old from eternal days.

2 Therefore he shall give them up; until the time a travailing [woman] hath brought forth; and the remnant of his brethren; they shall return unto the children of Israel.

3 And he shall stand, and shall feed in the strength of Jehovah in the majesty of the name of Jehovah his God: and they shall dwell; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

4 And this one shall be peace: the Assyrian, when he shall come in our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces; then shall we raise up against him seven shepherds; and eight, princes of men.

5 And they shall waste [this is future] the land of Assyria with the sword; and the land of Nimrod in her gates: and he shall deliver from Assyria; when he shall come in our land; and when he shall tread in *our* coasts.

6 And the remnant of Jacob shall be, in the midst of many peoples; like dew from Jehovah; like showers upon the grass: which will not tarry for man nor shall wait for the sons of men.

7 And the name of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples like a lion among the beasts of the forest; like a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who when he has passed over, both has trampled and torn and there is no deliverer.

8 Thy hand shall be high over thy distressors: and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

9 And it shall be *in that day* [a formula of the future] saith Jehovah; and I shall cut off thy horses in thy midst: and I will destroy thy chariots.

10 And I will cut off the cities of thy land: and I will destroy all thy fortresses.

11 And I will cut off witchcrafts from thy land: and cloud interpreters shall not be to thee.

12 And I will cut off thy graven images and thy standing images from thy midst: and thou shalt not bow down again to the work of thy hands.

13 And I will root out thy groves from thy midst: and I will destroy thy cities.

14 And I will execute in wrath and anger a vengeance with the nations: which they have not heard.

CHAPTER VI.

1 Hear now that which Jehovah is saying: rise up contend with the mountains; and the hills shall hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye O mountains, the contention of Jehovah; and the strong ones, the foundations of the earth: for a contention of Jehovah is with his people; and with Israel he will *justify* himself.

3 My people, what have I done to thee, and wherein have I wearied thee: Answer thou against me.

4 For I have brought thee up from the house of Egypt and I have redeemed thee from the house of slaves: and I sent before thee; Moses, Aaron and Miriam.

5 My people, remember now what Balak King of Moab counseled; and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him: from the shittim until the Gilgal; that thou mayst discern the righteous acts of Jehovah.

6 Wherewith shall I come to Jehovah; I will bow to the God of the high place: shall I come to him with burnt offerings; with calves of a year old.

7 Will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams; with ten thousands of rivers of oil: shall I give my first born for my transgression; the fruit of my body for the *sin* of my soul.

8 He has told to thee O man what is good: and what is Jehovah requiring from thee but the doing of judgment and the loving of mercy; and the walking humbly with thy God.

9 The voice of Jehovah shall cry to the city and help thy name shall see: hear ye the rod and who has appointed it.

10 Are there yet in the house of the wicked [man] the treasures of wickedness: and the ephah of leanness the abominable one.

11 Shall I be clean with the scales of wickedness: and with the purse with stones of deceit.

12 As her rich men have filled up violence; and her inhabitants have spoken a lie: and their tongue has deceit in their mouth.

13 And also I will make sick him that smiteth thee: making thee desolate on account of thy sins.

14 Thou shalt eat but thou shalt not be satisfied; and it shall bend thee down in their midst: and thou shalt overtake but

thou shalt not deliver; and whomsoever thou shalt deliver I will give to the sword.

15 Thou, thou shalt not reap: thou, thou shalt tread the olive but thou shalt not anoint oil; and new wine but thou shalt not drink wine.

16 And the statutes of Omri shall be kept and all the work of the house of Ahab; and thou shalt go in their counsels: for the sake of my giving thee for a desolation, and her inhabitants for a hissing; and the reproach of my people shall ye bear.

CHAPTER VII.

1 Woe is to me, for I have been like the gathering of the summer fruit; like the gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat; an early fig my soul has desired.

2 The righteous has perished from the earth; and there is none upright among men: all of them for blood they will lie in wait; every man his brother they shall hunt with a net.

3 Their hands are upon the evil [to pretend] to do good; the princes asking; and the judge on account of the reward: and the great one is speaking the evil of his soul, it is and they interweave it.

4 Their best is like a briar; the upright one than the hedge: the day of thy watchmen, thy visitation has come; now thou shalt be their confusion.

5 Ye shall not trust in a friend; ye shall not confide in a leader: from her that lieth in thy bosom; keep thou the doors of thy mouth.

6 For a son is he who despises a father; the daughter has risen up against her mother; the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: the enemies of a man are the people of his house.

7 And I, unto Jehovah will look; I will wait with expectation for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. [Isa. 8:17.]

8 Do not rejoice O mine enemy against me; for I have fallen, I have risen again: if I shall sit in darkness Jehovah shall be light to me.

9 The anger of Jehovah I shall bear; for I have sinned against him: until that he shall plead my complaint and shall

do my judgment; he shall bring me out to the light; I shall see in his righteousness.

10 And mine enemy shall see it and shame shall cover her; she who is saying unto me; where is Jehovah thy God: mine eyes shall look upon her; now thou shalt be for a trampling in the dirt of the streets.

11 A day to build thy walls: that day the statute shall be far removed.

12 *In that day* and unto thee shall *he* come from Assyria and the cities of Egypt; and from Egypt and unto the river; and sea from sea and mountain to mountain. [Undoubtedly this verse alludes to the coming and action of the Anti-Christ.]

13 And the land shall be for a desolation on account of her inhabitants: because of the fruit of their doings.

14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the sheep of thine inheritance; dwelling alone in the forest in the midst of Carmel: they shall feed Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old.

15 As in the days of thy going out from the land of Egypt: I will show *him* miracles.

16 The nations shall see and they shall be ashamed; for all their might: they shall place the hand upon the mouth; their ears shall become deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust like the serpent; like the creepers of the earth they shall move out from their prisons: unto Jehovah our God they shall fear; and they shall fear because of thee.

18 Who is a God like thee, a bearer of iniquity, and a passer over on account of transgression; to the remnant of his inheritance: he has not retained forever his anger; for he delighteth in mercy.

19 He will return [second coming] he will have mercy upon us; he will subdue our iniquities: and thou wilt cast in the depths of the sea all their sins.

20 Thou wilt give truth to Jacob; mercy to Abraham: as thou has been sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

NAHUM.

NAHUM prophesied 720 to 698 B. C., of last times.

CHAPTER I.

1 The doom of Nineveh : the book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 God is jealous and Jehovah is avenging; Jehovah is avenging and having fury : Jehovah is avenging on His adversaries ; and He is keeping anger for His enemies.

3 Jehovah is slow of anger and of great power ; and will certainly not acquit : Jehovah, in the whirlwind and in the storm is His way ; and a cloud is the fine dust of his feet.

4 He is rebuking against the sea, and He maketh it dry land ; and He maketh all the rivers dry : languishing is Bashan and Carmel ; and the fruit of Lebanon is languishing.

5 The mountains shake before Him ; and the hills melt away : and the earth heaved before Him ; and the world and all the inhabitants in it.

6 Before His indignation who shall stand ; and who shall rise up in the heat of His anger : His fury hath poured itself out like the fire ; and the rocks have been rent by Him.

7 Good is Jehovah ; He is a refuge in the day of trouble : and He knoweth those who are trusting in him.

8 And with an overrunning flood, he will make an end of her place : and his enemies, he shall pursue unto darkness.

9 What will ye purpose against Jehovah ; *an* END He is making : the trouble shall not rise up twice.

10 For though they be twisted together like thorns ; and as drunken with their wine : they were consumed like stubble fully dry.

11 From thee *he* [A. C.] has gone out ; a *deviser* of evil against Jehovah : a *Counsellor of Belial.*

12 Thus saith Jehovah, though they be at peace and so many ; yet so they have been mowed down and *he* [A. C.] shall

pass away; seeing that I have afflicted thee I will not again afflict thee.

13 And now; I will break *his* [A. C.'s] rod from over thee: and *his* [A. C.'s] bonds I will pluck off.

14 And Jehovah will command concerning thee; there shall no more of thy name be sown, from the house of thy God I will cut off the graven and the molten [image]: I will make thy grave, for thou art light.

CHAPTER II.

1 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him bringing good tidings, proclaiming peace; observe thy feasts O Judah, perform thy vows: for the wicked one [A. C.] shall no more pass over against thee, *he* [the A. C.] is wholly cut off.

2 *He* that dasheth in pieces [A. C.] has come up before thy face, guard the fortress: watch the way, strengthen thy loins; fortify power mightily.

3 For Jehovah is returning the excellency of Jacob; like the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them, and they have ruined their vine branches.

4 The shield of his [A. C.'s] mighty men is reddened, the valiant men are in scarlet; with fire of steel weapons the chariot shall be in the day of his [A. C.'s] preparation: and the cypress spray have been trembling.

5 The chariot shall dash madly in the streets; they shall run to and fro in the broad places: their appearances shall be like the torches; like the lightning they shall flash about.

6 He [A. C.] will remember *his* mighty ones; they shall be stumbling in their goings: they shall haste to the wall; and the covering shall be prepared.

7 The gates of the rivers have been opened: and the palace is dissolved.

8 Though *he* [A. C.] has withstood, she has been laid bare, she has been carried away: and her maids are moaning like the moan of doves; smiting upon their breasts.

9 And Nineveh shall be like a pool of waters from the days of its being: and they are fleeing; stand ye, stop ye, but no one is turning round.

10 Plunder the silver, plunder the gold: and there is no end to the store; it is abundant of every vessel of desire.

11 She is empty and void and waste: and the heart has been melted and [there is] a tottering of the knees, and a pain of the loins; and the faces of all of them have gathered paleness.

12 Where is the den of the lions; and a feeding place it is for the young lions: where the lion has walked, the lioness is there, the whelp of the lion, and there is none causing to fear.

13 The lion is tearing for his whelps; and he is strangling for his lionesses: and he has filled his holes with prey; and his dens with spoil.

14 Behold me against thee, saith Jehovah of Hosts; and I will burn her chariot into smoke; and the sword shall consume thy young lions: and I will cut off from the earth thy prey; and not again shall be heard the voice of thy messengers.

CHAPTER III.

1 Woe, city of bloods: the whole of it is full of lie, robbery; the prey shall not withdraw.

2 The noise of a whip; and the noise of a crashing wheel: and the horse prancing and the chariot dancing.

3 A *horseman* [A. C.] is causing to come up, and there is the flashing sword and the glittering spear; and a multitude of slain, and a heap of carcasses: and there is no end to the corpses; they shall be stumbling against their corpses.

4 [And this is] Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the harlot [the apostate church]; beautiful of grace, mistress of witchcrafts: she who is selling nations by her whoredoms; and families by her witchcrafts.

5 Behold me against thee, saith Jehovah of Hosts; and I will uncover thy skirts over thy face: and I will show the nations thy nakedness; and kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable things upon thee and I will contemn thee: and I will place thee as a spectacle.

7 And it shall come to pass that all they that see thee shall flee from thee; and he shall say Nineveh has been spoiled; who shall bemoan for her: From whence shall I seek comforters for thee.

8 Art thou better than No-Amon; she that sat by the rivers; waters were round about her: whose bulwark was the sea; from the sea was her wall.

9 Ethiopia and Egypt were [her] strength and there was no end: Phut and Lubim had been in thy help.

10 Also she was for the exile, she went into the captivity; also her children shall have been dashed in pieces at the head of all the streets: and upon her honorable ones they cast the lot; and all her just ones were bound in chains.

11 Also thou shalt be drunken; thou shalt be hidden: also thou, thou shalt seek a refuge from the enemy [A. C.]

12 All thy fortresses are fig trees with early ripe figs: if they shall be shaken; then they shall fall upon the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold thy people are women in thy midst; to thine enemies; they have certainly opened the gates of thy land: fire has consumed thy bars.

14 Waters of a siege, draw thou to thee; strengthen thou thy fortresses: go into the mire and tread thou in the clay, make the brick-kiln strong.

15 There shall the fire consume thee; the sword shall cut thee off; it shall consume thee like the licker: make thyself numerous like the licker; make thyself numerous like the locust.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy traders more than the stars of heaven: the licker has stripped off and shall fly away.

17 Thy crowned ones are like the locusts; and thy captains are like the swarms of locusts: which are encamping in the hedges on a cold day; the sun has risen, and they have been flown: and it is not known his place where they are.

18 Thy shepherds have slumbered, O king of Assyria [A. C.] thy mighty ones shall lie down: thy people have scattered upon the mountains, and there is none gathering [them].

19 There is no healing to thy branch; thy stroke is incurable: all the hearers of thy report, shall clap the hand over thee; for over whom has not thy wickedness passed continually.

HABAKKUK.

HABAKKUK was of the Southern Kingdom. He prophesied 612 to 598 B. C.

The first chapter is a complaint that is made to God because of the coming and doing of the personal Anti-Christ.

The second chapter is God's answer, and the third chapter is the prayer of the prophet on the second coming of Jesus in His glorious appearing.

CHAPTER I.

1 The doom which Habakkuk the prophet foresaw.

2. How long have I cried, Jehovah, and thou wouldst not hear: I am used to cry out unto thee "a violent one" [the Anti-Christ] and thou wilt not save.

3. Why wilt thou shew me an evil one and why wilt thou look upon a troubler; and a destroyer and a violent one is before me: and he has been an adversary, and he shall raise up strife.

4 Therefore the law is accustomed to chill; and judgment cannot go out forever: for a wicked one is causing to surround the righteous; therefore judgment shall go out perverted.

5 See ye among the Gentiles, and look ye; and be astonished, be amazed: for I am doing a deed in your days; [which] ye would not believe if it should have been told.

6 For behold me raising up the Chaldeans; the bitter and hasty nation: which goeth to the breadths of the earth to give dwelling places which are not his. [The singular is used to indicate *the head* of the Chaldean power, who will become the Anti-Christ.]

7 Terrible and dreadful *he* is: from himself; his judgment and his sentence shall go out. [He will have no advisor, but Satan, whose tool he will be.]

8 And *his* horses shall be swifter than leopards, and they shall be fiercer than the evening wolves; and his horsemen shall spread themselves: yea, his horsemen shall come from a far

distance; they shall fly; as an eagle is accustomed to hasten to eat.

9 Every one for violence shall come; and the desire of their faces is eastward: and *he* shall collect captives as the sand.

10 And *he* shall scoff at kings; and princes shall be a derision to him: *he* shall laugh at any fortress; and *he* shall heap up dust and take it.

11 Then a spirit [an evil one] has passed through [him] and he has transgressed and become guilty: this, his power, is because of his god.

12 Art thou not from everlasting, Jehovah, my God, my Holy One, we shall not die: Jehovah, for judgment thou hast placed him; and O Rock, for reproof [or chastisement] thou hast established him.

13 [Thou art] purer of eyes than to behold evil; and canst not look upon iniquity: why shouldst thou look upon treacherous ones? Wouldst thou keep silent; when *the wicked man* [Anti-Christ] swallows down one more righteous than *he*.

14 And thou hast made man as the fishes of the sea: as the creeping thing without a ruler over it.

15 Every one, by a hook he causes to ascend; he shall draw him up in his net; and he shall gather him in his snare: therefore he shall rejoice and *he* shall be glad.

16 Therefore *he* shall sacrifice to his net; and he shall burn incense to his snare: for by them his portion is fat; and his food nourishing.

17 Shall he therefore empty his net: and not spare continually to slay the nations.

CHAPTER II.

1 I will stand upon my watch; and I will set myself upon the fortress: and I will watch to see what he shall speak with me; and what I shall get back because of my complaint.

2 And Jehovah answered me and he said; Write thou the vision; and engrave it upon the tables: in order that the reader may run by it.

3 For yet the vision is for the appointed time; and at the end it shall hasten and shall not lie: if it should delay wait for it; for it shall certainly come, it shall not tarry.

4 Behold his soul has been puffed up, it is not right in him: but the righteous by his faith shall live.

5 And also, because the wine is treacherous; he is a proud man, and will not dwell quietly: since *he* has made his soul as broad as hell, and *he* is like death and will not be satisfied; but *he* shall gather to him all the nations; and *he* shall collect unto himself all the peoples.

6 Shall not all these take up a proverb concerning HIM; and an interpretation of riddles against *him:* and one shall say, Woe is he who increaseth that which is not his; how long? and who makes the pledge heavy to him.

7 Shall they not suddenly rise up that shall bite thee? Yea, they shall awake who shall shake thee violently: and thou shalt be for booties to them.

8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations all the remnant of the peoples shall spoil thee: because of the blood of men and violence of the earth, the city and all the inhabitants in it.

9 Woe, he who is a plunderer of an evil gain to his house: to put his nest on high; to be delivered from the hand of evil.

10 Thou hast devised shame to thy house: cutting off many peoples, and thy soul sinning.

11 For a stone from over the wall shall cry out: and a beam from the wood shall answer it.

12 Woe, he is who building a city with blood: and establishing a city by wrong doing.

13 Behold, is it not from Jehovah of Hosts: and the peoples shall labor for fire; and the peoples shall weary themselves for vanity.

14 For the earth shall be filled full of the knowledge of the glory of Jehovah: as the waters cover over the sea.

15 Woe to him that causes his neighbor to drink; who is pouring out of thy skin bottle, and also to make him drunk: for the sake of looking on their nakedness.

16 Thou art more full of shame than honor; drink thou, even thou, and be thou uncircumcised: the cup of the right hand of Jehovah shall turn against thee; and a shameful vomit shall be on thy honor.

17 Because of the violence of Lebanon it shall overspread thee; and because of the destruction of beasts he shall cause

dismay: for the blood of man and the violence of earth; the city and all the inhabitants in it.

18 What does a graven image profit, that its maker has graven it; what the molten image, seeing that it is a teacher of the liar [Anti-Christ]: for the maker has trusted in his thought concerning it; to make dumb idols.

19 Woe to him saying to the wood awake; rouse up to the dumb stone: it shall teach, behold it, it is spread over with gold and silver; but there is no spirit in the midst of it.

20 And Jehovah is in His Holy Temple: Be silent before Him, all the earth.

CHAPTER III.

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet: upon Shigyonoth.

2 O Jehovah, I have heard thy fame, I have feared; Jehovah, thy work, in the midst of the years revive thou it; in the midst of the years thou wilt make it known: in wrath thou wilt remember mercy.

3 God *shall come* from Taiman; and the Holy One from Mount Paran, Selah: His beauty has [then] covered the heavens; and His praise has [then] filled the earth.

4 And there shall be a brightness like the sunlight; and rays shall be to Him from His hands; and there shall be the hiding of His power.

5 A pestilence shall go before him: and lightning shall go out at His feet.

6 He has stood and shaken the earth, He looked and made the nations tremble; and the everlasting mountains scattered themselves; the eternal hills sank down: to Him are the goings of eternity.

7 Under affliction, I have seen the tents of Cushan: the tent curtains of the land of Midian, they trembled.

8 Is it against the rivers Jehovah has been wroth? Whether is thine anger against the rivers; or, thy wrath against the sea: that thou wilt ride upon thy horses, thy chariots of salvation.

9 Thy bow shall be made bare with barrenness; sated shall be the chastisements of His word, Selah: thou wilt cleave the earth with rivers.

10 The mountains [when] they have seen thee shall writhe; a storm of waters has passed by: the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted up its waves on high.

11 Sun, moon, stood back in their dwelling: at the light of thine arrows they will go about; at the brightness of thy glittering spears.

12 In indignation thou wilt march over the earth: in anger thou shalt stamp down the nations.

13 Thou hast gone forth for the salvation of thy people; for the salvation of thine anointed ones: thou hast deeply wounded the head of the house of the wicked man [Anti-Christ] laying bare the foundation even to the neck, Selah.

14 Thou didst pierce by his staves the chief of his nobles; they shall come out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing shall be as to devour the poor secretly.

15 Thou didst go in the sea with thy horses: the turbid mighty waters.

16 I heard, and my belly trembled; at the voice my lips quivered; [He was in alarm and pain, and added] rottenness shall come into my bones, and within me I shall tremble: since I would rest in the day of trouble; for on *his* coming up unto the people, *he* will attack them with *his* troops.

17 [But] Although the fig tree shall not blossom, and there shall be no produce on the vines; though the yield of the olive has failed; and the fields have made no food: the flock is cut off from the fold, and there shall be no cattle in the stalls.

18 Yet, I will rejoice in Jehovah: I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 Jehovah, the Lord, is my strength; and He has placed my feet as the hinds; and upon my high places, He will come to walk: To the Chief Musician of my songs.

ZEPHANIAH.

ZEPHANIAH predicts *a judgment* upon the whole world,—men, cattle, the birds of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea. He treats more fully of the judgment upon the Jews and Jerusalem as the Jews are, *after* the judgment, to become again God's acknowledged people; but *all* nations will be involved when the great and terrible day shall break upon the world. The time formulas indicate that these events are to transpire at *that time.* In the first chapter they are to be found in verses 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18. In the second chapter, in verse 2. In the third chapter in verses 11, 15 (enemy), 16, 19, and 20.

Bucer wrote in 1528, "If any one wishes *all* the *secret* oracles of the prophets to be given in a brief compendium, let him read through this brief Zephaniah."

Zephaniah was a prophet of the Southern Kingdom. He prophesied 640 to 609 B. C.

CHAPTER I.

1 The word of Jehovah which was to Zephaniah, son of Cushi son of Gedalyah; son of Amariah son of Chizkiyah; in the days of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah.

2 I will utterly sweep away everything from the face of the ground, saith Jehovah.

3 I will sweep away man and cattle, I will sweep away the fowl of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea; and the stumbling blocks [or idols] together with the wicked: and I will cut off man from off the face of the ground, saith Jehovah.

4 And I will stretch my hand over Judah and over all the dwellers of Jerusalem: and I will cut off from this place the remnant of the Baal; the name of the illegal together with the lawful priests.

5. And those who are bowing down upon the roofs, to the host of the heavens: and those who are bowing down, that have been sworn to Jehovah; and that have been sworn by their king.

6 And those who have been backsliding from following after Jehovah: and who have not sought Jehovah, nor have they inquired for Him.

7 Hush [*i. e.*, be silent]; at the *presence* [or second coming] of the Lord Jehovah: for *near* is the day of Jehovah; for Jehovah has prepared a sacrifice, He has sanctified His called ones.

8 And it shall be *in the day* of Jehovah's sacrifice; and I will punish the princes and the king's sons: and upon all that are clothed with heathenish garments.

9 And I will punish every one who is leaping upon the threshold *in that day:* which are filling the house of their Lords with violence and deceit.

10 And it shall be *in that day* saith Jehovah, a voice of a cry from the fish gate and a howling from the second; and a great destruction from the hills.

11 Howl ye, dwellers of the Maktesh: for all the people of Canaan have been cut off; they have been cut off all those laden with silver.

12 And it shall be, at *that time;* I will search Jerusalem with lights: and I will punish the men that are congealed upon their lees; who are saying, in their heart; Jehovah will not do good nor will he do evil.

13 And their wealth shall be for a spoil; and their houses for a desolation: and they shall build houses and not dwell [in them]; and they shall plant vineyards; but they shall not drink their wine.

14 Near is *the day of Jehovah,* the great one; it is near and hasting exceedingly: the sound of *the day of Jehovah;* the mighty man is bitterly crying there.

["In order to depict more fully the terrible character of this day," says Kiel, "Zephaniah crowds together in verses 15 and 16 all the words supplied by the language to describe the terrors of the judgment."]

15 A day of wrath is *that day:* a day of trouble and distress, a day of ruin and desolation; a day of darkness and thick darkness; a day of a cloud and thick gloom.

16 *A day* of the trumpet and the war shout: upon the fortified cities; and upon the high corner towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, and they shall go like the blind; for they have sinned against Jehovah: and their

blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung balls.

18 Even their silver, even their gold shall not be able to deliver them, *in the day* of the wrath of Jehovah; and in the fire of his jealousy the whole earth shall be consumed: for *an end*, yea a terrific one He shall make; with all the dwellers of the earth.

CHAPTER II.

1 Gather yourselves, and gather ye: O nation that hath no shame.

2 Before a bringing forth of the decree: like chaff the day has passed: before there shall come upon you the fierce anger of Jehovah; before *the day of Jehovah's anger* shall come over you.

3 Seek ye Jehovah, all ye distressed of earth; who have wrought his judgment: seek ye righteousness, seek ye humility; peradventure ye shall be hidden in the day of Jehovah's anger.

4 For Gaza shall be forsaken; and Ashkelon for a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon time; and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Woe, dwellers of the region of the sea, the nation of the Cherethites: the word of Jehovah is upon you, O Canaan, land of the Philistines; and I will destroy thee that there shall be no inhabitant.

6 And the region of the sea shall be pastures, wells for shepherds and for folds of sheep.

7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah, upon them they shall feed [their flocks]: in the houses of Ashkelon, in the evening, they shall lie down; for Jehovah their God shall visit them and shall turn their captivity.

8 I have heard the reproach of Moab; and the revilings of the sons of Ammon: whereby they have reproached my people; and made themselves great against their border.

9 Therefore as I live saith Jehovah of Hosts God of Israel, that Moab shall be as Sodom and the sons of Ammon as Gomorrah; a spreading out of nettles and salt pits and a desolation forever: the remnant of my people shall spoil them and the residue of my people shall inherit them.

10 This shall be to them for their pride: because they have reproached and made themselves great against the people of Jehovah of Hosts.

11 Fearful is Jehovah over them; for He has consumed! all the gods of the earth: and they shall bow down to him, every man from his place; all the islands of the nations.

12 Also ye Ethiopians; slain of *my sword* [the Anti-Christ] they shall be.

13 And He [the bearer of my sword] shall stretch out *His* hand against the North and shall destroy Assyria: and He shall make Nineveh for a desolation; a dry land like the wilderness.

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations; also the pelican, also the hedgehog shall lodge in her chapiters: a voice shall sing in the window, desolation at the threshold; for he hath uncovered the cedar work.

15 This is the joyous city, she that dwells in security; she is saying in her heart; I am and there is none else beside me: how has she become a desolation, a resting place for the beast; every one passing by her shall hiss and wave his hand.

CHAPTER III.

1 Woe rebelling, and being polluted: the oppressing city.

2 She has not obeyed the voice; she has not accepted correction: in Jehovah she has not confided; unto her God she has not drawn near.

3 Her princes in her midst are roaring lions: her judges are evening wolves; they leave not a bone till the morning.

4 Her prophets are vainglorious; men of treachery: her priests have profaned the holy place; they have done violence to the law.

5 Jehovah, is righteous in her midst; He will do no iniquity: every morning his judgment He will bring to the light, it has not been wanting; but the unjust is not knowing shame.

6 I have cut off nations, their corner towers have been desolated; I have laid waste their streets, without one passing by: their cities have been destroyed without a man [remaining] for there is no inhabitant.

7 I have said, surely thou wilt fear me, thou will accept correction; and her dwelling should not be cut off; all which I had appointed unto her: but they rose early they corrupted; all their doings.

8 Therefore wait ye for me, saith Jehovah; for the day of my rising up for the prey: for my judgment [is near] to gather the nations, for my gathering the kingdoms, to pour out upon them

my indignation, all the fury of my anger ; for by the fire of my jealousy ; all the earth shall be consumed.

9 For then I will change unto the peoples a pure language: to call all of them on the name of Jehovah ; to serve Him with one shoulder.

10 From over the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, the daughter of my dispersed ; they shall bring my offering.

11 *In that day* [prophetic formula for second coming] thou shalt not be ashamed for all thy doings ; which thou hast transgressed against me : for then I will remove from thy midst the exulters of thy pride ; and thou shalt no more be haughty in my holy mountain.

12 And I will cause to remain in thy midst ; an afflicted and poor people : and they shall trust in the name of Jehovah.

13 The "remnant " of Israel shall not do inquity, nor shall they speak a lie ; nor shall the tongue of deceit be found in their mouth : for they, they shall feed and lie down and none is causing them to fear.

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion ; shout, O Israel : be thou glad and exult with all thy heart O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 Jehovah hath removed thy judgments ; He hath cleared away thy *enemy* [who will be the Anti-Christ] : the King of Israel, Jehovah, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not fear evil again.

16 *In that day* [prophetic formula] ; it shall be said to Jerusalem don't fear : O Zion don't relax thy hand.

17 Jehovah, thy God, in the midst of thee, is an exceedingly mighty *Man*, he shall save : he shall rejoice over thee with gladness, he will be silent in His love ; he will exult over thee with singing.

18 The mourners because of the solemn meeting I have gathered [to myself] for from thee they were : a burden, a reproach on her account.

19 Behold me, *at that time* [another formula] dealing with all those that afflict thee : and I will save the limping one and her that has been cast out I will gather ; and I will place them for a praise and for a name in every land : of their shame.

20 *At that time* [another formula] I will bring you ; even in the time of my collecting you : for I will give you for a name and for a praise among all the people of the earth ; on my turning your captivity before your eyes, saith Jehovah.

HAGGAI.

"HAGGAI" means "my feast," and his prophecy forebodes good to the Jews. He prophesied 520 to 512 B. C., after the return from the captivity. The prophetic portion of the book, is in chapter 2 : 6–9, 20–23. These eight verses, forming two separate paragraphs in the Hebrew Bible, describe what will happen at the second coming of Jesus. It is the time when He shall shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land, and all *the nations* too. The people that remain, after this shaking, shall be desirous of visiting the city of Jerusalem for two reasons : first, because the King, Jehovah Jesus, having come back to earth, will be there in person; and second, because He will have *re-built* the Temple and in consequence it will be the attractive point as Jesus will fill that house with his glory ! He contrasts Solomon's Temple with that of *His* building, and calls Solomon's the *first* and His the *last*. He affirms that *the glory* of this *last* house shall be *greater* than that of the first house, although we know from 2 Chron. 7 : 2 that "the glory of Jehovah had filled the [first] house."

CHAPTER I.

1 In the second year of Darius the king ; in the sixth month ; in the first day of the month : the word of Jehovah was by the hand of Haggai the prophet, unto Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah ; and unto Joshua son of Jehozadak the great priest, saying,

2 Thus hath Jehovah of Hosts said, saying : this people have said ; the time has not come, the time of Jehovah's house to be built.

3 And the word of Jehovah was by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 Is it a time for you, O ye ; to dwell in your wainscoted houses : and this lies waste.

5 And now; thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said: Set your heart upon your wages.

6 Ye have sown much and brought in little, eating and there is no abundance, drinking and there is no exhilaration; clothing but there is no warmth to it: and he who laboreth for wages; works for wages into a perforated purse.

7 Thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said: Set your heart upon your wages.

8 Ascend ye the mountain, and bring wood, and build ye the house: and I will take pleasure in it and I will be glorified Jehovah has said.

9 Looking for much, and behold [it came] to be little; and ye brought it home, and I blew against it: for what reason? saith Jehovah of Hosts; because of my house that lieth waste; and ye are running every man to his own house.

10 Therefore on your account, the heavens are restrained from dew: and the earth has withheld her increase.

11 And I called a drought upon the earth and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine and upon the new oil; and upon what the ground shall produce: and upon man, and upon the cattle; and upon all the labor of their hands.

12 Then hearkened Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the great priest, and all the remnant of the people, unto the voice of Jehovah their God and unto the words of Haggai the prophet for the reason that Jehovah their God had sent him: and the people feared before Jehovah.

13 And Haggai the messenger of Jehovah said by a message of Jehovah to the people, saying: I am with you saith Jehovah.

14 And Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak the great priest; and the spirit of all the remnant of the people: and they came and did the work on the house of Jehovah of Hosts, their God.

15 On the four and twentieth day, in the sixth month: in the second year of Darius the king.

CHAPTER II.

1 On the seventh ; on the twenty-first day of the month : the word of Jehovah was by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying.

2 Say now, unto Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah ; and unto Joshua son of Jehozadak, the great priest : and unto the remnant of the people, saying.

3 Who among you that is left ; who saw this house in its glory the first : and what are ye seeing now ; is it not as it is, as nothing, in your eyes ?

4 And now be strong O Zerubbabal, saith Jehovah, and be strong O Joshua son of Jehozadak the great priest and be strong all the people of the land saith Jehovah, and work ye : for I am with you saith Jehovah of Hosts.

5 [In conformity with] The word which I ratified with you on your coming out of Egypt and my Spirit is standing in your midst : Don't fear.

6 For thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said ; [the topic is here the coming of Jehovah Messiah to set up His Kingdom] yet once, a little time it is : and I, am causing to shake, the heavens and the earth ; and the sea and the dry [land].

7 And I will cause to shake *all the nations ;* and they shall come to [Jerusalem] the desire of all the nations : and I will fill this house [then to be] with glory ; Jehovah of Hosts has said.

8 Mine is the silver, and mine is the gold : saith Jehovah of Hosts.

9 Greater shall be *the glory* of this *last* house than the *first ;* Jehovah of Hosts hath said : and *in this place* I will give peace ; saith Jehovah of Hosts.

10 In the four and twentieth of the ninth [month] in the second year of Darius : the word of Jehovah was ; by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying.

11 Thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said : Ask now the priests the law, saying.

12 Whether a man may carry holy flesh in the skirt of his garment and may touch by his skirt against the bread or against the pottage or against the wine or against the oil or against any food, shall it be holy : and the priests shall answer and they shall say, No.

13 And Haggai said; if an unclean person shall touch against any of these shall it be unclean: and the priests answered and they said, it shall be unclean.

14 And Haggai answered and said, So is this people and so is this nation before me saith Jehovah; and so are all the works of your hands: and what they shall offer to me there unclean it is.

15 And now, set ye I pray you to your heart; from this day and beyond: from before to place a stone upon a stone in the palace or temple of Jehovah.

16 From their so being one came to a heap of sheaves; and it was ten: one came to the vat to draw fifty poorah; and it was twenty.

17 I have smitten you with the blasting and with the mildew and with the hail; with all the works of your hands: and ye are not [turning] unto me saith Jehovah.

18 Set ye, I pray you, to your heart from this day and forward: from the twenty-fourth of the ninth month, from the day when the temple of Jehovah had been founded, set ye it to your heart.

19 Is the seed yet in the barn; and even the vine and the fig tree and the pomegranate and the olive tree hath not borne: from this very day I will bless thee.

20 And the word of Jehovah was the second time unto Haggai; in the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying.

21 Say thou unto Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: I am causing to shake the heavens and the earth.

22 And I will overturn the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strong one [or sovereign, Anti-Christ] of the kingdoms of the nations: and I will overturn the chariot and her riders; and they shall go down, horses and their riders: every man by the sword of his brother.

23 *In that day* saith Jehovah of Hosts I will take thee Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel my servant, saith Jehovah; and I will place thee as a seal: for I have chosen thee saith Jehovah of Hosts.

ZECHARIAH.

ZECHARIAH prophesied 520 to 510 B. C. It was after the return. This book contains, in the first six chapters, nine visions, all had in one night. In the seventh chapter, after two years of silence, the question was asked: "Shall I weep, as I have done these so many years?" *i. e.*, during the seventy years of the captivity; and the question is answered in the seventh and eighth chapters, with glorious millennial predictions in the eighth chapter. The ninth, tenth, and eleventh chapters together contain a "burden," or sentence, or *doom*, pertaining to the last days; and the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth chapters to still another *doom* for the same time, or closely following.

Twenty-seven times *formulas* occur, *fixing* the time as that of the second coming of Jesus. They are: 1:16; "I am returned;" 8:3: "I am returned;" 8:23: "In those days;" 14:1: "The day of the Lord;" 14:3: "*Then* shall the Lord go forth;" 14:5: "The Lord shall come;" 14:7: "It shall be one day." And there remain twenty of these formulas indicated by the expression "in that day," as in 2:11; 3:10; 9:16; 11:11; 12:3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11; 13:1, 2, 4; 14:4, 6, 8, 9, 13, 20, 21.

The first six chapters contain about thirty symbols; and symbols are prophecies of *future* events. They are: in the *first* vision, "horseman" in 1:8–11 and "horses" in 1:2–8. In the *second* vision, "horns and carpenters;" in the *third* vision, a "man and a measuring line;" in the *fourth* vision, a "stone of seven eyes;" in the *fifth* vision, a "candlestick of gold and its bowl," its "seven lamps and pipes," its "two olive trees," and its future house, or "Temple;" in the *sixth* vision, the "flying roll," explained in chapter 5:3, 4; in the *seventh* vision, the "ephah," that "wicked woman," with its "talent of lead" and "two women" in the ephah, and the "house in Shinar;" in the *eighth* vision, the "four chariots" and "two mountains of brass" and "four different colored horses," explained in chapter 6:5; in

the *ninth* vision, "four crowns and horns" disposed of and a "new temple" is seen, and the "Man" whose name is the "Branch."

The seventh and eighth chapters are didactic; and the last six are prophetical. They all unite in describing events that will transpire *at and after* the second coming of Jesus. The commentators, without exception, look back to Alexander's conquests in Syria, and to Maccabean victories for a fulfilment of these prophecies. Therefore, avoid all commentators.

CHAPTER I.

1 In the eighth month; in the second year to Darius: the word of Jehovah came, unto Zechariah, son of Berechyah: son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

2 Jehovah hath been greatly angry, with your fathers.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said; return ye unto me; saith Jehovah of Hosts: and I will return unto you; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

4 Do not be like your fathers, when the former prophets called unto them, saying, thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said; turn ye now from your evil ways; and from your evil deeds: but they would not hear, nor would they hearken unto me, saith Jehovah.

5 Your fathers, where are they: and the prophets; shall they live forever?

6 But my words and my statutes which I have commanded with my servants the prophets; is it not they have overtaken your fathers: and they returned and said, according as Jehovah of Hosts has thought to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our actions; so He has done with us.

[New paragraph. The first six verses are an introductory exhortation.]

7 On the twenty and fourth day of the eleventh month, it is the month of Shebat; in the second year of Darius: came the word of Jehovah unto Zechariah, son of Berechyah son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

[First vision.]

8 I have seen this night, and behold *a man* riding on a red horse; and He standing among the myrtle trees, which are in

the hollow: and behind Him were red horses; speckled and white.

9 And I said, what are these sir: and he said unto me, the angel that was speaking with me, I will show thee, what these are.

10 And the *man* [of verse 8] that was standing among the myrtles, answered and said: these [are they] whom Jehovah has sent to walk about in the earth.

11 And they answered the angel Jehovah [the *man* of verse 8] He who was standing among the myrtle trees; and they said, we have walked about in the earth: and behold all the earth is dwelling and resting.

12 And the angel Jehovah answered and He said [the *man*, the *servant*, addressed His Father] Jehovah of Hosts; how long wilt thou not have mercy with Jerusalem and with the cities of Judah: which thou hast been angry with these seventy years.

13 And Jehovah answered the angel who was speaking with me good words: comforting words.

14 And the angel that was speaking with me answered, cry saying, thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said I have been jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

15 And with a great anger I am angry over the nations that are at ease; since I was angry a little; and they aided for evil.

16 Therefore, thus saith Jehovah, *I have returned* to Jerusalem with mercies; *my house* shall be built in it saith Jehovah of Hosts; and a line shall be inclined over Jerusalem.

17 Again cry thou saying, thus saith Jehovah of Hosts; again my cities shall spread abroad for good: and Jehovah shall comfort Zion again; and He shall again choose in Jerusalem.

[Verses 18–21 form the first four verses of chapter two in the Hebrew Bible. They begin the second vision.]

CHAPTER II.

[Second vision]

1 And I lifted up my eyes, and saw; and behold *four horns.* [They symbolize nations, or world powers.]

2 And I said: unto the angel, who spoke with me, what are these: and he said unto me; these are the horns [Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome] which have scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.

3 And Jehovah showed me ; *four* carpenters [or artificers].

4 And I said : what are these coming to do : and he said saying, these are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man could lift up his head ; *but* these [carpenters] are come to terrify them ; to cast out the horns of the nations which are lifting up a horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.

[D. N. Lord, in Vol. 9, p. 326, of his "Literary Journal," says : "Hoffman has conclusively proven and Baumgarten has more fully elaborated his view, that the four horns and four carpenters, as well as the four chariots of Zechariah's vision (1: 18–21 ; 6 : 1–8) refer to the four world monarchies of Daniel. It is only in the light of this connection that the prophecy concerning Javan, or Greece, that Zech. 9 : 13, etc., can be properly understood."]

[Third vision]

5 And I lifted up my eyes, and I saw and behold *a man :* and in his hand a measuring line.

6 And I said, where art thou going : and he said unto me ; to measure Jerusalem ; to see how great is her breadth and how great is her length.

7 And behold, the angel, he who spake with me, going out : and another angel ; coming forth, to meet him.

8 And he said unto him, Run, speak to *this* young man, saying : "unwalled towns," Jerusalem shall inhabit ; for the abundance of men and cattle in her midst.

9 And I, *I* will be to her, saith Jehovah, a wall of fire round about : and for *a glory I* will be in her midst.

10 Ho, ho, and flee ye, from the land of the North, saith Jehovah : for like as the four winds of heaven, I have spread you out, saith Jehovah.

11 Ho, Zion, deliver thyself : inhabitress of the daughter of Babylon. [Rev. 18 : 21.]

12 For thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said: after *glory ;* He hath sent me : to the nations which are spoiling you : for he that is touching against you, is touching against the apple of His eye.

13 For behold me, waving my hand over them , and they shall be a spoil to their servants : and ye shall know that Jehovah of Hosts hath *sent me.*

14 Shout and be glad, O daughter of Zion : for, behold me having come, [second advent] and *I* will *dwell* in *thy* midst, saith Jehovah.

15 And many nations shall be joined unto Jehovah, in that day; and they shall be to Me for a people: and I *will dwell* in thy midst; and thou shalt know; that Jehovah of Hosts hath sent me unto thee.

16 And Jehovah shall inherit Judah His portion; upon the Holy Land. and He shall choose again in Jerusalem.

17 Be silent, all flesh, from before Jehovah: for He has been roused up from His holy habitation.

CHAPTER III.

[Fourth vision.]

1 And he showed me Joshua the high priest; standing: before the angel Jehovah: and the Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

2 And Jehovah said unto the Satan, Jehovah will rebuke against thee, O Satan, yea Jehovah will rebuke against thee; He who is choosing in Jerusalem: is not this one a brand, delivered from the fire.

3 And Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and standing before the angel.

4 And he answered and said to those who were standing before him, saying, remove ye the filthy garments from off him: and he said to him, see, I have caused to pass from thee thy iniquity; and to clothe thee with costly garments.

5 And I said: they shall put a clean mitre on his head, and clothe him with garments; and the angel Jehovah standing by.

6 And the angel Jehovah testified unto Joshua saying.

7 Thus hath Jehovah of Hosts said, if in my ways thou shalt walk and my charge thou shalt keep; and also thou shalt judge my house and keep my courts: and I will give to thee walkers as among these standing here.

8 Hear now, Joshua, the high priest, thou and thy friends who are sitting before thee; for they are men of wonder: for behold me bringing out my servant *Tsemach* or sprout.

9 For behold the stone, which I have put before Joshua; upon one stone seven eyes: behold me engraving her carving, saith Jehovah of Hosts; and I will move away the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith Jehovah of Hosts; ye shall invite every man his friend: under the vine and under the fig tree.

CHAPTER IV.

[Fifth vision.]

1 And the angel who spake with me returned; and he awakened me: like a man who has been aroused from his sleep.

2 And he said unto me; what art thou seeing: and I said, I have seen and behold a candlestick of gold, the whole of it and its oil bowl upon its head, and seven lamps upon it; seven and seven [14, or 49 ?] pipes to the lamps which are upon its head.

3 And two oil trees by it: one from the right of the oil bowl; and another upon its left.

4 And I answered and I said; to the angel who spake with me, saying: what are these sir.

5 And the angel who spake with me answered and said to me knowest thou not what these are: and I said no sir.

6 And he answered and said unto me, saying; this is the word of Jehovah; unto Zerubbabel saying: not by might and not by power; but by my spirit Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain [a mountain is a symbol of a great world government] before Zerubbabel, for a plain: and he shall bring out the headstone with shoutings: grace, grace to it.

[New paragraph].

8 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying.

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of *this* house and *his* hands shall finish it: and thou shalt know that Jehovah of Hosts hath sent *me* unto *you*.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things: seeing that they shall be glad and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel, these seven: the eyes of Jehovah; they are running to and fro in all the earth.

11 And I answered and I said unto him what are these two oil trees; upon the right of the candlestick, and upon her left.

12 And I answered the second time: and I said unto him: what are the two branches of the oil trees, which by the hand of the two golden pipes; are pouring out the golden [oil] from themselves.

13 And he said unto me, saying; knowest thou not what these are ? and I said, no sir.

14 And he said; these are the two sons of oil: who are standing by the Lord of all the earth.

CHAPTER V.

[Sixth vision. This shows the judgment of the wicked in Israel, or all the earth, in the "last days."]

1 And I returned; and I lifted up my eyes, and I saw: and behold a flying roll.

2 And he said unto me what art thou seeing: and I said, I am seeing a flying roll; its length twenty by the cubit; and its breadth ten by the cubit. [The dimensions are those of the temple porch.]

3 And he said unto me; this is the *curse;* [or oath, or execration, or vengeance] which goeth out over the face of all the land [or earth ?]: for every one who is stealing [up to the present time, actually] declares [himself] guiltless; and every one who is swearing [up to the present time, actually] declares himself guiltless. [Stealing disobeys the second table of the decalogue, and swearing, the first.

4 I have brought it forth saith Jehovah of Hosts; and it shall come into the house of the thief; and into the house of the swearer in my name, to the liar [the Anti-Christ then to be]: and it shall lodge in the midst of his house; and it shall consume its woods and its stones.

[Seventh vision.]

5 And the angel who spake with me went out: and he said unto me, lift up now thine eyes, and see thou; what is this that is going forth.

6 And I said, what is it: and he said, this is the ephah which is going forth; and he said: this is the aspect [or iniquity ?] in all the land.

7 And behold a round weight of lead was lifted up: and this, a certain woman; dwelling in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, *this* [meaning another] is that wicked woman; and he cast *her* into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon its mouth.

9 And I lifted up my eyes and I saw, and behold two women going out, and the wind in their wings; and to them wings like the wings of the stork: and they lifted up the ephah; between the earth and between the heaven.

10 And I said unto the angel who spake with me: where are they going with the ephah ?

11 And he said unto me; to build it a house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be prepared, and it shall be set there on its base.

[This seventh vision shows, perhaps, the Jewish people supporting "the Beast," or Anti-Christ, like the Christian church in Rev. 17:3, 4, 5. Its Babylonish character is fully evidenced by its position in Shinar.]

CHAPTER VI.

[Eighth vision.]

1 And I turned, and I lifted up my eyes and I saw; and behold four chariots [see note on 2:4] going out; from between the two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot were red horses: and in the second chariot black horses.

3 And in the third chariot white horses: and in the fourth chariot grisled and strong horses.

4 And I answered and said unto the angel who talked with me, what are these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me: these are the four spirits of the heavens; they are going forth; from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 As in it, the black horses are going out to the land of the North; and the white, have gone out behind them: and the grisled have gone out to the land of the South.

7 And the strong ones have gone out, and they have sought to go to walk about in the earth; and he said go, walk about in the earth: and they walked about in the earth.

8 And he cried with me; and he spake unto me, saying: See thou, those that are going to the land of the North; they have quieted my spirit in the land of the North.

[Ninth vision.]

9 And the word of Jehovah came to me saying.

10 Take from the captivity; from Heldai; from Tobiyahoo and from Yedayah: and thou shalt come, thou, in that day; and thou shalt go to the house of Josiah, son of Zephaniah; when they have come from Babylon.

11 And thou shalt take silver and gold, and thou shalt make crowns: and thou shalt put [them] upon the head of Joshua, son of Yehotzadak the Great Priest.

12 And thou shalt say to him saying; thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said, saying: behold a Man *Tsemach* is His name, and from underneath Him He shall grow up; *He* shall build the Temple of Jehovah.

13 And He shall build the Temple of Jehovah, and He shall bear the honor; and He shall sit and shall rule upon His throne: and He shall be a Priest upon His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

14 And the crowns shall be, for Helem and for Tobiyah and for Yedayah; and for a favor of the son of Tzephanyah for a memorial in the Temple of Jehovah.

15 And far off ones shall come, and they shall build in the Temple of Jehovah and ye shall know that Jehovah of Hosts hath sent me unto you: and it shall come to pass if hearing, ye shall hearken unto the voice of Jehovah your God.

CHAPTER VII.

1 And it came to pass in the fourth of Darius the King: the word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah in the fourth of the month, the ninth of Chislaw.

2 And he sent to the house of God Sharezer and Regem-Melech and his men: to entreat the face of Jehovah.

3 To say unto the priests which were of the house of Jehovah of Hosts; and unto the prophets, saying: shall I weep in the fifth month; separating myself; according as I have done; this so many years?

4 And the word of Jehovah of Hosts came to me, saying,

5 Say thou unto all the people of the land; and to the priests saying: When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh, and this seventy years; was it to me ye fasted?

6 And when ye used to eat and when ye used to drink was it not *ye* were eating and *ye* were drinking?

7 Was it not [because of] the words which Jehovah preached by the hand of the first prophets; on Jerusalem's being inhabited and prosperous; and her cities round about her: and the South and the plain inhabited.

8 And the word of Jehovah came to Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts saying: judgment of truth judge ye; and kindness and services do ye every man with his brother.

10 And the widow and the orphan, the stranger and the afflicted ye shall not oppress: and the evil of his brother man ye shall not meditate in your heart

11 But they refused to hearken: and they offered the rebellious shoulder: and their ears they made heavy that they might not hear.

12 And their heart they placed an adamant from hearing, from hearing the law and the words which Jehovah of Hosts had sent by His Spirit by the hand of the first prophets: and it came to pass a great anger from Jehovah of Hosts.

13 And it came to pass according as He cried and they would not hear: so they shall cry and *I* will not hear, Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

14 But I will scatter them with a whirlwind over all the nations whom they have not known; and the land shall be desolate after them; from passing over and returning: and they shall place the land of desire for a desolation.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 And the word of Jehovah of Hosts came, saying,

2 Thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said; I have been jealous for Zion with great jealousy: and a great heat I have been jealous for her.

3 Thus Jehovah hath said; I have returned [second coming] unto Zion; and I will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called the city of truth; and the mountain of Jehovah of Hosts the holy mountain.

4 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts; old men and old women shall again sit, in the streets of Jerusalem: and every man his staff in his hand from multitude of days.

5 And the streets of the city shall be filled; with boys and girls: playing in her streets.

6 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts: if it shall be wonderful in the eyes of the remnant of this people; in those days: also in my eyes shall it be wonderful saith Jehovah of Hosts.

7 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts; behold me saving my people from the land of the East: and from the land whence comes the sun.

8 And I will bring them ; and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem : and they shall be to me for a people ; and I, I will be to them for God ; in truth and in righteousness.

9 Thus hath said Jehovah of Hosts ; make your hands strong ; ye that are hearing in these days these things ; these words from the mouth of the prophets : which in the day it has been founded the house of Jehovah of Hosts, the temple to be built

10 For before those days ; the hire of man was not ; and the hire of beast was not : and to the goer out and to the comer in there shall be no peace from the stranger [or Anti-Christ] for I set every man against his neighbor.

11 But now, not like the first days will I be ; to the remnant of this people ; saith Jehovah of Hosts.

12 For the seed shall have the peace, the vine shall give her fruit, and the land shall give her increase ; and the heavens shall give their dew : and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these.

13 And it shall be, according as ye were a curse among the nations O house of Judah and house of Israel ; so I will save you; and ye shall be a blessing : Do not fear, let your hands be strong.

14 For thus hath said Jehovah of Hosts ; according as I thought to do evil to you, when your fathers were angry with me; saith Jehovah of Hosts : and I repented not.

15 So, again, I have thought in these days ; to do good with Jerusalem and with the house of Judah : fear not.

16 These are the words that ye shall do : speak ye truth every man with his neighbor ; truth and judgment of peace ; judge ye in your gates.

17 And a man, the evil of his neighbor ye shall not think in your heart ; and the oath of falsehood ye shall not love : for all this is what I have hated saith Jehovah.

18 And the word of Jehovah of Hosts came unto me saying.

19 Thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said, the part of the fourth and the part of the fifth and the part of the seventh and the part of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah for a joy and for gladness ; and for good feasts ; and the truth and the peace love ye.

20 Thus hath said Jehovah of Hosts : again, when people shall come ; and the inhabitants of many cities.

21 And they will go, the inhabitants of one unto another saying, we will go, going, to entreat the face of Jehovah: and to seek Jehovah of Hosts: I will go, also.

22 And many people shall come, and numerous nations to seek Jehovah of Hosts in Jerusalem: and to entreat the face of Jehovah.

23 Thus hath said Jehovah of Hosts: in those days when ten men shall lay hold, from all the languages of the nations: and they shall take hold by the skirt of a Jewish man, saying, we will go with you; for we have heard God *is with you.*

CHAPTER IX.

[The closing six chapters give us two oracles, or *dooms.* The first embraces *three* chapters, and the second the *last three.* Both dooms treat of *a war* between the heathen world and Israel.]

1 *Doom* of the word of Jehovah against the land of Hadrach; and Damascus shall be its resting place: for to Jehovah is the eye of man and all the tribes of Israel.

[*Hadrach* is probably the name of a future kingdom, and Damascus will be its chief city. The Babylonian conquest of Tyre had already taken place when Zechariah wrote. The prophecy does not refer to the time of Alexander, but to the time of the *end.*]

2 And also Hamath shall border by it, Tyre and Zidon though she be wise exceedingly.

3 And Tyre has built a fortress for herself; and she has heaped up silver like the dust; and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

4 Behold the Lord will dispossess her; and He will smite her power in the sea: and she shall be consumed in the fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see and shall fear, and Gaza, and she shall writhe exceedingly; and Ekron for her hope has been put to shame: and the king shall perish from Gaza; and Ashkelon shall not dwell.

6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod: and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

[Not yet fulfilled.]

7 And I will take away his blood from his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; and he shall remain to our God and bear a prince in Judah; and Ekron like the Jebusite.

8 And I will encamp [at His second coming] for my house against an army, from passing over and returning; and an oppressor shall not pass over against them again; for now I have seen with my eyes.

9 Rejoice exceedingly O daughter of Zion, shout ye O daughter of Jerusalem, behold thy king shall come to thee; righteous and victorious is He; poor and riding upon an ass; and upon a colt the son of an ass. [This was fulfilled at His first coming. See Matt. 21:4-7 The next verse, 10, relates to this second coming.]

10 And I will cut off the rider from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; and the bow of war shall be cut off; and *He* shall speak to the nations: and His rule shall be from sea to sea: and from the river to the ends of the earth.

11 Also thou by the blood of thy covenant, I have sent thy prisoners from the pit; there is no water in it.

12 Turn ye to the stronghold; ye prisoners of the hope: even to-day, I am declaring a *second time I will return to thee* [second coming].

13 When I have bent Judah for me, the bow of Ephraim I have filled; and I have raised up thy sons of Zion; against thy sons O Greece: then I will place thee as the sword of a mighty man.

[Second coming.]

14 And Jehovah shall *be seen* over them; and His arrow shall go forth like the lightning: and the Lord Jehovah shall blow with the trumpet; and He shall go forward with the trumpet of the South.

15 Jehovah of Hosts shall be a shield over them; and they shall devour, and shall subdue the sling stones; and they shall drink, they shall make a humming noise like wine; and they shall fill up like the bowls; like the corners of the altar.

16 And Jehovah their God shall save them, in that day [of His second coming] like the sheep of His people: for the stones of a crown; lifted up over His land.

17 For how great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty; corn shall make the young men to flourish; and new wine the virgins.

CHAPTER X.

1 Ask ye from Jehovah rain in the time of the latter rain; Jehovah is making lightnings; and He will give showers of rain to them; to each herb in the field.

2 For the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and they will speak vain dreams; they shall comfort in vain: therefore like sheep they have journeyed; they shall be afflicted because there is no shepherd.

3 Against the shepherds my anger has kindled; and upon the he goats I will punish: for Jehovah of Hosts hath visited His flock, the house of Judah; He shall place them; like the horse of His majesty in the battle.

4 From him is the corner stone, from him the nail; from him the bow of war: from him every exactor shall go out together.

5 And they shall be like mighty men, trampling in the dirt of the streets in the war; and they shall be fighting; for Jehovah is with them: and the riders of horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and the house of Joseph I will save; and I will cause them to dwell, for I have loved them intimately; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am Jehovah their God, and I *will* hear them.

7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man and their heart shall be glad as from wine: and their children shall see and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in Jehovah.

8 I will hiss for them, and I will gather them, for I have redeemed them [at the time of the second advent]: and they shall increase as they have increased.

9 And I will sow them among the peoples; and in far off places they shall remember me: and they shall live with their children and shall return.

10 And I will bring them again from the land of Egypt; and from Assyria I will gather them; and to the land of Gilead and Lebanon I will bring them; and there shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall pass in the sea with affliction: and he shall smite in the sea [its] waves; and all the depths of the river

[Nile] shall dry up: and shall be brought down the pride of Assyria; and the scepter of Egypt shall depart.

12 And I will strengthen them in Jehovah, and in His name they shall walk about: saith Jehovah.

CHAPTER XI.

[The nations are gathered vs. Jehovah and his people.]

1 Open thy doors O Lebanon: and a fire shall consume among thy cedars.

2 Howl, O fir tree, for the cedar has fallen; as the mighty ones have been spoiled: Howl, ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the defensed has come down.

3 A voice of the cry of the shepherds; for their glory has been spoiled: a noise of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of the Jordan has been spoiled.

4 Thus hath said, Jehovah my God: feed the flock of the slaughter.

5 Whom their buyers shall slay and they shall not be guilty; and their sellers shall say; blessed is Jehovah seeing that I am rich: and their shepherds shall have no pity upon them.

6 For I will not have pity again upon the inhabitants of the land, saith Jehovah: but behold I am causing the man to come [the man of sin] a man, by means of his friend and by means of his king; and they shall break the land [or earth] in pieces; and I will not deliver from their hand.

7 And I fed the flock of the slaughter; for account of the poor ones of the flock: and I took to me two staves, to the one I called "beauty," and to the other I called "bands"; and I fed the flock.

8 And I destroyed three of the shepherds in one month: for my soul was weaned against them; and their soul also abhorred me. [In Daniel 7:8?]

9 And I said; I will not feed you. that which is dying may die, and that which is cut off may be cut off; and those which are left shall eat; each the flesh of another.

10 And I took my staff, "beauty" and I cut it: to break my covenant which I had ratified with all the peoples.

11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that were *waiting on me* knew: that the word of Jehovah it was.

12 And I said unto them, if it is good in your eyes give ye my wages, and if not forbear: and they weighed my wages thirty of silver.

13 And Jehovah said unto me, Cast it unto the potter; the goodly price; which I was prised at by them; and I took the thirty of silver; and I cast it in the house of Jehovah, unto the potter.

14 And I cut my second staff, the "bands"; to break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And Jehovah said to me; Take again to thee the vessel of a foolish shepherd.

16 For behold I am raising a shepherd in the land [or earth] [the Anti-Christ of verse 6] which shall not visit those that are cut off, the young man he shall not seek; and that which is broken he shall not heal: that which standeth still he shall not nourish, but the flesh of the fat one *he* shall eat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17 Woe to the idol shepherd, the forsaker of the flock; the sword [shall be] upon his arm and upon his right eye: his arm shall be certainly dried up; and his right eye utterly darkened.

[The last *dooms* embrace the three last chapters and the beginning of chapter 12.]

CHAPTER XII.

1 The burden or doom of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel; saith Jehovah, inclining the heavens and founding the earth; and forming the spirit of man in his midst.

2 Behold I am placing Jerusalem a reeling basin for all the peoples round about: and it shall be also against Judah in the siege against Jerusalem.

3 And it shall be *in that day* [seven times this time formula, occurs in *this* chapter] I will place Jerusalem a stone of burden to all the peoples [meaning nations]; all her burdeners shall be cut in pieces: and they shall be gathered against it, all the nations of the earth.

4 *In that day*, saith Jehovah I will smite every horse with fear; and his rider with madness: and upon the house of Judah I will open my eyes; and every horse of the peoples I will smite with blindness.

5 And the princes of Judah shall say in their heart: I will make strong for myself the inhabitants of Jerusalem in Jehovah of Hosts their God.

6 *In that day* I will place the princes of Judah as a basin of fire by wood, and like a torch of fire by a sheaf; and they shall consume all the peoples round about upon the right hand and upon the left: and Jerusalem *shall dwell* AGAIN in her place at Jerusalem.

7 And Jehovah shall save the tents of Judah in the beginning: that the glory of the house of David, and the glory of the inhabitant of Jerusalem be not magnified against Judah.

8 *In that day*, Jehovah shall protect the inhabitant of Jerusalem; and it shall be, he that stumbleth among them *in that day*, as David: and the house of David as God; as the angel Jehovah before them [not angel *of* Jehovah].

9 And it shall be *in that day:* I will seek to destroy ALL *the nations* that are coming against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour out upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitant of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication; and they *shall look unto me* whom they have pierced [John 19:37]: and they shall mourn on his account, like the mourning over the only son; and to be bitter on his account, as to be bitter over the first born.

11 *In that day*, the mourning shall be great in Jerusalem; like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land shall mourn; each family apart: the family of the house of David apart and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart and their wives apart.

13 The family of the house of Levi apart; and their wives apart: the family of Shimei apart; and their wives apart.

14 All the families that remain; every family apart; and their wives apart.

CHAPTER XIII.

1 *In that day* [three times this formula occurs], there shall be a fountain opened; for the house of David and for the inhabitant of Jerusalem: for sin and for uncleanness.

2 And it shall be, *in that day*, saith Jehovah of Hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land; and they shall not be remembered again: and also the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness I will cause to pass out of the land.

3 And it shall be, when a man shall be prophesying still; then his father and his mother, his begetters, shall say unto him thou shalt not live; for thou hast spoken a lie in the name of Jehovah: and his father and his mother, his begetters, shall pierce him through when he prophesieth.

4 And it shall be *on that day*, the prophets shall be ashamed, every one because of his vision when he is prophesying: and they will not put on a hairy garment to lie.

5 And he will say; I am no prophet: I am a man cultivating the ground, for a man bought me from my youth.

6 And one shall say unto him; what are these wounds between thy hands: and he shall say; these with which I have been smitten in the house of my lovers.

7 Awake O sword [God's sword against His Equal] against my shepherd and against *the man*, my companion, saith Jehovah of Hosts: smite the shepherd [Matt. 26:31] and the sheep shall be scattered and I will turn my hand upon the little ones.

8 And it shall be, in all the land [or earth] saith Jehovah two parts shall be in it; they shall be cut off, they shall die: and the third part shall remain in it.

9 And I will bring the third part into the fire, and I will refine them like refining the silver; and I will prove them as to prove the gold: he shall call by my name and I will answer him; I will say he is my people; and he shall say Jehovah is my God.

CHAPTER XIV.

1 Behold *a day* is coming to Jehovah: and thy spoil shall be divided in thy midst.

2 And I will gather *all the nations* against Jerusalem to *the battle:* and the city shall be taken, and the houses shall be plundered and the women shall be ravished: and half of the city shall go out in the captivity; and the remainder of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

[Who is to be leader of "all nations"? See Joel 3:2; Isa. 29:6; 21:17; Zech. 12:9.]

3 And Jehovah shall go forth; and He shall be fighting against those nations: like the day of His fighting, in the day of battle.

4 And His feet shall stand *in that day* [eight times this formula occurs] upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem

from the East; and the Mount of Olives shall be cleft from its middle eastward and westward, an exceeding great valley: and half of the mountain shall remove northward and its [other] half southward.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall touch unto Azal; and ye shall flee, according as ye fled from before the earthquake; in the days of Uzziah the king of Judah: and Jehovah my God *shall come;* all the saints with thee.

6 And it shall be *in that day:* there shall be no light; the precious ones shall congeal.

7 But it shall be *a certain day;* it shall be known to Jehovah, not day nor night: and it shall come to pass at eventime it shall be light.

8 And it shall be, *in that day,* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; their half to the former sea; and their half to the hinder sea: in summer and in winter it shall be.

9 And Jehovah shall be *for a King* over all the earth: *in that day,* Jehovah shall be one and His name one.

10 All the land shall be turned like the plain from Geba to Rimmon; south of Jerusalem: and it shall be high and shall dwell in her place, from the gate of Benjamin, unto the place of the first gate, unto the gate of the corners; and the tower of Hananeel unto the vats of the king.

11 And they shall dwell in it; and there shall be no more a curse: and Jerusalem shall dwell safely.

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith Jehovah will smite all the peoples [nations] which have warred against Jerusalem: his flesh to consume away, and he standing upon his feet; and his eyes shall consume away in their holes; and his tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13 And it shall be, *in that day,* a great confusion of Jehovah among them: and they shall lay hold, a man the hand of his neighbor; and his hand shall ascend against the hand of his neighbor.

14 And Judah also shall be fighting against Jerusalem: and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered, gold and silver and garments for a great abundance.

15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, the mule, the camel and the ass; and every beast which shall be in those camps; like this plague.

16 And it shall be, every one that is left from all the nations which came against Jerusalem : and they shall go up from year to year to worship the King Jehovah of Hosts ; and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

17 And it shall be whosoever will not go up from the families of the earth to Jerusalem ; to offer worship to *the King* Jehovah of Hosts : then upon them there shall be no rain.

18 And if a family of the Egyptians shall not ascend nor come up there not upon them [shall be rain] : there shall be the plague with which Jehovah shall smite the nations which will not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This will be the sin of Egypt : and the sin of all the nations ; which will not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20 *In that day,* there shall be upon the bells of the horses, holy to Jehovah : and the pots in the house of Jehovah like the bowls before the altar.

21 And it shall be, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah, holy to Jehovah of Hosts ; and all the sacrificers shall come and they shall take from them and they shall boil from them and there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of Jehovah of Hosts *in that aay.*

MALACHI.

Malachi prophesied 420 to 397 B. C. His book contains, as Professor Keil writes, "one single prophecy, and is condemnatory throughout." It concerns Israel, with one reference to Edom. Malachi is the *last* prophet, and he writes of *last* things. He writes of the second coming of the Lord; and records the complaints the Lord will then have made against His people, the Jews, and the answers they will make thereto. The Jews will have been gathered to their own land in unbelief, and they will have their old temple service nominally re-instituted. The prophet complains, in advance, of what they shall then do and say. He charges them, (1) with denying God's love (1 : 2), and the Hebrew reads: "*And ye shall say*," etc. (2) "The Priests despise my name" (1 : 6), and the Hebrew reads: "And ye shall say." (3) They will have "profaned the offering" and asserted that the table of the Lord is polluted" (1 : 13), and the Hebrew reads: "And ye shall say." (4) In 2 : 14 the Hebrew reads: "And ye shall say, Therefore will God not receive our offering." (5) In chapter 2 : 17, where the Lord says ye have wearied me, the Hebrew reads: "And ye *shall* say." (6) In chapter 3 : 1 there is a looking back to the first coming of Jesus and His messenger, John the Baptist, who prepared the way for that coming (Luke 1 : 76; 7 · 27), and immediately thereon the prophet speaks of the second coming of Jesus, and of his purifying the Jewish people that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then, it is affirmed, shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord as in *the days of old*, and as in *former years*. (7) In 3 : 5 there is an allusion to *false swearers*, but this clause should read, "And against those who have been sworn to *the* false one," meaning the Anti-Christ who will *then* be Satan's vicegerent and at the head of all the nations of earth. (8) In 3 : 7 God charges them with having gone away from His ordinances, and invites them to return; and the Hebrew reads: "And ye *shall* say." (9) In 3 : 8 they are charged with robbing

God, and the Hebrew reads, "And ye shall say." (10) In 3 : 13 God says, "Your words have been stout against me," and the Hebrew reads: "And ye *shall say*." (11) In 3 : 17 the formula "In that day" determines the time to be that of the second coming. (12) In 4 : 1 it is spoken of as "the day that *cometh*" that shall burn as an oven. (13) In 4 : 5 there is to be the coming of the veritable Elijah, just before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

For the foregoing, and because *all* the prophets unite, in the main, in writing of the same time and events; viz., "the end," I believe I am therefore the more ready to believe that Malachi has done the same thing, more exclusively, probably, than any of his predecessors.

The Hebrew word that I have so frequently referred to as noting what the people *shall* say in the time to come, is "*waamartem*," a converted future. This form occurs twenty-nine times, and nine of these are in this short book of Malachi, where they are incorrectly rendered because the translators did not discern that the prophet was depicting a future scene. Eight times out of the remaining twenty it is properly rendered, "And ye shall say."

CHAPTER I.

1 A revelation of the word of Jehovah, concerning Israel: by the hand of Malachi.

2 I have loved you, Jehovah hath said; and ye shall say in what hast thou loved us: was not Esau a brother of Jacob saith Jehovah; and I loved Jacob.

3 And I hated Esau: and I placed his cities a desolation; and his inheritance for the jackalls of the wilderness.

4 If Edom shall say we are broken to pieces, but we will return and we will build the waste places; thus Jehovah of Hosts hath said; they may build, but I will destroy: and they shall call to them a border of wickedness; and the people, whom Jehovah hath indignation against for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see: and ye, ye shall say, Jehovah shall be great from over the border of Israel.

6 A son should honor his father and a slave his master: but if I am a father where is my glory and if I am Lord where is my fear Jehovah of Hosts hath said unto you, O priests, despisers of

my name; and ye shall say; wherein have we despised thy name.

7 Ye are offering upon my altars polluted bread; and ye shall say wherein have we polluted thee: in your saying; the temple of Jehovah is contemptible.

8 And because ye will bring near the blind for sacrifice it is no evil; and because ye will bring near the lame and the sick it is no evil: offer it now to thy governor, shall he accept thee or shall he respect thy face; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

9 And now entreat I pray you the face of God that He will be gracious to us: from your hand this hath been; shall He respect faces from among you; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors; and would not light a fire on my altar for nothing; there is to me no delight in you. Jehovah of Hosts hath said; and an offering I will not accept from your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun and unto its going down, my name shall be great among the nations; and in every place incense shall be offered and a pure offering: for great my name shall be among the nations; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

12 And ye, are profaning it: in your saying the table of the Lord has been profaned; and its produce, its food is contemptible.

13 And ye shall say behold what a weariness it is and ye have blown upon it, Jehovah of Hosts hath said; and ye have brought the robbed, and the lame and the sick; and ye have brought the offering: should I accept it from your hand, Jehovah hath said.

14 And cursed is the deceiver, seeing that there is in his flock a male; and he is vowing and sacrificing a corrupt thing to the Lord: for I am a great King, Jehovah of Hosts hath said; and my name is feared among the nations.

CHAPTER II.

1 And now, O priests, unto you, is this commandment.

2 If ye will not hear and if ye will not set upon the heart to give glory to my name, Jehovah of Hosts hath said; then I will send against you the curse; I will curse your blessings: and also I have cursed it; because ye are not setting it upon the heart.

3 Behold me rebuking on your account, the seed; and I will scatter dung upon your faces; the dung of your feasts: and it shall carry you away with it.

4 And ye shall know; that I have sent this commandment unto you: for my covenant is to come to pass with Levi: Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

5 My covenant *has been* with him, life and peace; and I gave them to him for fear, and he feared me: and before my name he trembled.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth; and iniquity was not found in his lips; in peace and in righteousness he walked with me; and multitudes he turned from iniquity.

7 For the lips of the priest should keep knowledge; and the law they should seek from his mouth: for an ambassador of Jehovah of Hosts he is.

8 But ye, ye have departed from the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law: ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

9 And even I, I have made you despised and low to all the people: in proportion as that ye are not observing my ways; but are respecters of faces in the law.

10 Is there not one father to all of us; has not one God created us: wherefore, should we act treacherously, a man against his brother; to profane the covenant of our fathers.

11 Judah has acted treacherously; and an abomination has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem: for Judah has profaned, the sanctuary of Jehovah, which he has loved; and married the daughter of a strange god.

12 Jehovah shall cut off the man that shall do this, the watcher and the answered; from the tents of Jacob: and him that is bringing near an offering; to Jehovah of Hosts.

13 And this ye shall do a second time; covering with tears the altar of Jehovah; weeping and groaning: for he is no more turning to the offering; nor receiving it with acceptance from your hand.

14 And ye shall say, wherefore: on account of that Jehovah hath been witness between thee and between the wife of thy youth, because thou, thou hast acted treacherously against her; and she is thy companion and the wife of thy covenant.

15 And did He not make one [of the two] seeing that the residue of the spirit is to him: and in what manner the one; he is

seeking a seed of God: therefore ye should be taking heed in your spirit and against the wife of thy youth no one shall deal treacherously.

16 For he hateth divorce Jehovah God of Israel hath said; and he would cover violence over his garment; Jehovah of Hosts hath said: therefore ye should be observant in your spirit, and ye shall not act treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied Jehovah by your words; and ye shall say in what have we wearied thee: in your saying, every one that doeth evil is good in the eyes of Jehovah, and in them he has delight; or where is the God of the judgment.

CHAPTER III.

1 Behold me sending my messenger; and he shall prepare the way before me: and *suddenly* the Lord shall come to His temple, He whom ye are seeking and the angel of the covenant in whom ye are delighting, behold He is coming; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

2 And who can sustain the day of His coming; and who is he that is standing on His appearing: for he shall be like a fire of a refiner; and like the soap of the washers.

3 And He will sit a refiner and a purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi and refine them; like the gold and like the silver: and they shall be for Jehovah; those who are bringing near an offering in righteousness.

4 And it shall be pleasant unto Jehovah; the offering of Judah and Jerusalem: like the days of old; and like the former years.

5 And I will draw near unto you to the judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers; and against those sworn to *the false one:* [the Anti-Christ to come] and against the oppressors of the hire of the hireling the widow and the orphan and who turn aside the stranger, and have not feared me; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

6 Because I am Jehovah, I change not: therefore ye sons of Jacob have not been consumed.

7 For from the days of your fathers ye have departed from my statutes and ye have not observed them; return unto me and I will return unto you; Jehovah of Hosts hath said: and ye shall say, wherein shall we return.

8 Shall a man defraud God, but ye are defrauders of me; and ye will say wherein have we defrauded thee: in the tithes and the heave offering.

9 With the curse, ye have been cursed; and me ye are defrauding: this nation, the whole of it.

10 Bring ye all the tithe into the treasure house, and there shall be provision in my house; and try me now in this Jehovah of Hosts hath said: if I will not open to you the windows of the heavens; and I will pour out to you a blessing to a superabundance.

11 And I will rebuke for you the devourer; [is he the Anti-Christ ?] and *he* shall not destroy because of you, the fruit of the ground: nor shall *he* make the vine in the field to miscarry because of you; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye *shall* be, ye, a land of delight; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

13 Your words have been strong against me Jehovah hath said: but ye shall say what have we spoken against thee.

14 Ye have said; it is vain to serve God: and what profit is it, that we have kept his charge; and that we have walked mournfully; before Jehovah of Hosts.

15 And *now;* we are calling the proud blessed: also we have built up the doers of wickedness; also we have tempted God and been delivered.

16 Then the fearers of Jehovah were speaking every one with his friend: and Jehovah hearkened and He heard; and a book of remembrance was written before Him, for the fearers of Jehovah; and that reverenced His name.

17 And they shall be mine, Jehovah of Hosts hath said; for that day; when I am making a peculiar treasure: and I will have compassion over them; according as a man should have pity over a son that serveth him.

18 And ye shall return and discern; a separation of the righteous from the wicked: a separation of the servant of God; from whomsoever does not serve Him.

CHAPTER IV.

19 For behold the day is coming; burning like the furnace: and they shall be, all the proud and all the doers of wickedness, as stubble; and the day which cometh, shall burn them, Jehovah of Hosts hath said; which shall not leave them root nor branch.

20 But to you fearers of my name shall the sun of righteousness arise; and healing in its wings: and ye shall go forth and spread out like the calves of the stall.

21 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes; under the soles of your feet: in that day when I am executing; Jehovah of Hosts hath said.

22 Remember ye; the law of Moses my servant: which I commanded him in Horeb over all Israel; the statutes and judgments.

23 Behold I am sending to you; Elijah the prophet: before, there is to come the day of Jehovah; the great and the dreadful one.

24 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers upon the sons; and the heart of the sons upon their fathers: lest I shall come; and I shall smite the earth with a curse.

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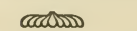

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